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Pastors Rally From North, South, East and West Supporting Victorious Effort In June Offering

From the northern border to the southern edge, and from the east side to the west, this week's responses have come from the loyal churches and pastors promising their determination to make the June offering for debt payment a challenging effort. Below are reported the associations, churches and pastors heard from since last week's paper:

Association, pastor, and church:
Newton—R. A. Morris, Newton.
Newton—Paul Hawkins, Pleasant Hill (Conehatta).
Lafayette—Cecil H. Ellard, Yellow Leaf.
Bolivar—George H. Skutt, Skene.
Deer Creek—E. Y. Soileau, Catchings.
Deer Creek—E. Y. Soileau, Cary.
Pike—A. W. Talbert, Tangipahoa.
Lincoln—A. W. Talbert, Macedonia.
Lee—F. V. McFatrige, Plantersville.
Lee—F. V. McFatrige, Verona.
Itawamba—F. V. McFatrige, Trinity, Fulton.
Pontotoc—H. M. Collins, Toxish.
Jones—L. G. Gates, Laurel, First.
Attala—Floyd A. Lummus, Pleasant Ridge.
Attala—Floyd A. Lummus, Bowlin.
Monroe—John F. Measells, Amory.

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Church Press Urges Special Training in Religious Journalism

Chicago—(RNS)—The Associated Church Press, representing editors of Protestant publications throughout the United States and Canada, appointed a committee here to study methods of training men and women for religious journalism.

Headed by Dr. Guy Emory Shieler, editor of The Churchman, New York, the committee includes T. Otto Nall, managing editor of The Christian Advocate, Chicago; Dr. William B. Lippard, editor, Missions, New York; Dr. W. M. Rochester, editor, The Presbyterian Record, Toronto, Canada, and Louis Minsky, managing editor, Religious News Service.

The committee was appointed by Dr. Bernard J. Mulder, Grand Rapids, Michigan, president of the body at its annual meeting here, following introduction of a resolution calling upon journalism schools to introduce courses in religious writing.

Discussion by delegates, however, stressed that other steps such as introduction of journalism courses in theological seminaries, might be necessary. One delegate advocated that some well-known seminary be urged to create a journalism school which would train writers from all over the country to assume editorial positions

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THE STRANGEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED

Minister, Lecturer and Traveler, This Religious Herald Writer Provokes Serious Thoughts on Some Outstanding Peculiarities By J. J. Wicker

The best retail business of the year comes at Christmas from a man who never had a business or a Christmas.

He has caused more toys to be made, which in turn have given more employment to more men and women, than any other man who ever lived.

Every year for nineteen hundred years in ever increasing numbers He has inspired more gifts than any other person.

He has caused more stockings to be hung up than all the men who ever lived, yet He never hung up His own—possibly He never had a stocking.

He has given more joy to millions of children than any man in all the world, yet when He was a babe His mother had to flee to save His life.

December 25 and Easter He brings more sweets into our homes, more bounty on our tables, and more laughter and song than any other man of all times.

He never went to school, so far as we know, but He has caused hundreds of colleges to be erected.

"Without the wisdom of the schools He has shed more light on things hu-

man and divine than all the philosophers of ancient and modern times."

The wisest of men can only counsel and often make mistakes, but this man commands and His wisdom is beyond correction.

He left not a single line written, and all that is known of what He said could be put on one page of a metropolitan newspaper.

He never wrote a book or saw a library, but He has caused more books to be put in circulation than any other man in the world's history.

He had no dictionary, but He has given birth to more good words and sought to bury more bad ones than any other man.

Shakespeare would not be Shakespeare without this strange man.

He was not an architect, but He has inspired the conception and erection of the most magnificent cathedrals on the face of the earth.

He was not an artist, but He has touched the genius in painters and has hung more works of art in famous galleries than any man who ever lived.

He has prompted the writing of the most learned and given birth to the greatest hymns, songs of joy and oratories than men have ever heard

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT The Church and The State

W. E. LEE

Como, Mississippi

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Son."—Editor.)

The church and the state are two of the most important institutions with which man has to do. Their sphere of influence is more far-reaching than that of any other institution in all the world unless it be that of the home. They both are of divine origin. God set them in the world for man's spiritual and material good, the church for the spiritual and the state for the material. This good comes only when each is left to fulfill the sole end for which it was instituted. When one is allowed to usurp the authority of or is made to take the place or infringe upon the rights of the other, then their designed end is thwarted and man fails to receive the good from them that otherwise would accrue.

Many of the early settlers of this nation were those who fled their native land in search of religious liberty or a place where they could worship God unhampered by any ecclesiastical authority. Soon they were followed by these ecclesiastics and a long, bitter struggle ensued which finally resulted in a recognition of the right of the church in matters of religion and giving to



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every man freedom of worship. To the Constitution for this new country the American Bill of Rights was added, giving to everyone in this fair land of ours the right "to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience." The champions in this long struggle were Baptists and

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Those Ten Years' Sunday School Losses

Baptists Make Gains

By E. P. Alldredge, M.A., D.D.
Secretary Department of Survey, Statistics and Information
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

Methodist leaders in their General Conference meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, May 3, reported 800,000 net loss in their Sunday school enrollment during the past ten years. Says The Associated Press report:

"Although the church has shown gains in almost every other department, Methodist Sunday school enrollment has dropped about 800,000 in the last decade, a report to the church's general conference disclosed today.

"Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, G. Bromley Oxnham of Boston and H. Lester Smith of Cincinnati, who headed the committee preparing the report, pointed out that Methodist Sunday schools had 5,806,781 members in 1934, but the figure had dropped to 5,488,939 by 1939 and to 5,040,511 by 1943, a 13.8 per cent loss for the 10 years.

"Nearly all Protestant churches from which figures were available showed similar losses, the bishops said. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., for example, was down 19.5 per cent, and the Congregational Christian Church lost 20 per cent.

"A variety of reasons have been of-

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Conditions in Italy Challenge

A Canadian chaplain has written an interesting letter to Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, telling of some things regarding Baptist work in Italy. The question is raised in a communication accompanying a copy of the letter, that now, since Italy is not an enemy country, could not work be resumed in that land? The letter spoke of the fact that the Protestant soldiers worshipping in the churches are taking up offerings and giving the money to native workers. The chaplain also is helping the ministers who are laboring under tremendous odds during these hard times.

Excerpts from the letter follow, regarding the missionary situation in Italy, where many Mississippi boys are fighting at this time:

"We Canadian Protestants have rejoiced to find—and to use—Baptist churches in some of the towns we have been living in or near. I cannot mention names for reasons of security. These churches are the only Protestant testimony in the community—and are certainly live and evangelical groups. They have given us a great welcome. We have held vol-

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Sparks & Splinters

If you enjoy good poetry get a copy of "Serene in the Storm," by Sybil Leonard Armes (Mrs. Woolson Clinton Armes). The author is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, was a school teacher for a number of years; writer and contributor of poems and several leading magazines and papers. The book contains forty-five poems of courage and inspiration. They are grouped under the general topics of faith, home, nature, courage, solace. This is a companion volume to the author's delightful and diminutive, "I shall Meet Tomorrow Bravely." This author's poetry is written with simplicity and sincerity. The many who need inspiration and courage during these days will find it in this volume. The poems are heart-warming, strengthening, and peaceful. Such expressive verse has many places of real service. The book sells for fifty cents and may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

"Studies in the Prophets" by Benjamin Oscar Herring, published by the Broadman Press and sold by the Baptist Book Store is well worth the price of \$1.75. It is a clear, comprehensive series of studies in the major and minor prophets. Dr. Herring tells what is known of the life of each prophet, discusses his style, gives a simple outline of his prophecy and cites the New Testament references to the prophet. Dr. Herring is a graduate of Baylor University and a Ph.D. graduate of the Southern Seminary. He is a member of the Baylor University faculty.

A good revival has just closed at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, La., with W. A. Bell, pastor of Parkway church, Jackson, doing the preaching and B. B. McKinney, Nashville, leading the singing. There were 31 additions, 15 by baptism. Dr. Charles L. McKay, former pastor, at Flora, is the pastor of this fine church, and Roy L. Self, formerly pastor of the Gum Grove church, Lincoln county, is the associate pastor.

Robert E. Lee, graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College, has been called as pastor at Bayshore church in Tampa, Fla., after a successful pastorate of almost five years at Fort Lauderdale church in the same state. (Editor's Note: This is another Mississippi trained man making good away from home.)

J. R. Eubanks, Second church, Greenville, has written for a supply of envelopes for the special June offering, indicating that church intends to do its best.

Mendenhall church has remodeled their building adding beauty to the entrance of the house and made a complete new intermediate department. L. E. Green of Pascagoula is leading in their revival. A grand piano has been purchased, and the salary of the pastor has been raised \$300 a year.—Charles C. Jones.

Pastor James L. Sullivan of Brookhaven, member of the State Convention Board, has written that Brookhaven expects to share in the debt paying offering in June.

Pass Christian Baptists are planning to have a good part in the special June offering toward the Mississippi debts. W. S. Allen is pastor of this loyal group on the coast. The church is proving its interest in many ways during these days.

Wistar W. Hamilton, Jr., for eight years a teacher in Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, has entered the chaplaincy. He had expressed it as his belief that the entrance of an instructor of ministers into the chaplaincy would show the esteem in which that work is held by the seminary faculties, although his first aim was the spiritual ministry to the boys in the service. Many B. B. I. men are already chaplains.

The Macedonia church in Lincoln county, under the leadership of their new pastor, A. W. Talbert, has organized four Training Unions, and study courses have been taught in each department. Plans are under way for courses in Sunday school work the last week in June in connection with an enlargement campaign.

Gov. Homer M. Adkins, a Methodist layman of Little Rock, Ark., turned down an invitation the other day—an invitation to occupy a special box at the horse races. He went further in opposing a day at the races to be designated as "Governor's Day."—Protestant Voice.

River Avenue, Hattiesburg: We finished a very successful Training Union study course recently. Dr. P. I. Lipsey taught "Alcohol the Destroyer" to the young people and adults; Mrs. Garland McInnis taught the Intermediates the same book, and E. L. Busby taught the Juniors "Bible Heroes." We had an enrollment of 71 with 49 taking the examination. Rev. E. M. Bilbo is the very efficient pastor.—Wallace Harrell, director.

These Jones county brethren have a reputation for staying up at the front, if indeed, they are not out at the front. The 10th of May we received a \$40 offering from Centerville church, Jones county, as a part of the June debt-paying offering. This was sent in by one of our Enlistment Pastors, Rev. B. S. Hilbun.

Cordele, Ga.—(RNS)—The 404th anniversary of the first religious service ever held in this state was observed near here by hundreds of churchgoers representing various faiths. Participants in the special ceremony included Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, and Roman Catholic clergymen. A huge pine cross, dominates the site where historians believe the explorer DeSoto introduced Christianity to the American Indian.

Kansas City, Mo.—(RNS)—No future General Conference of the Methodist Church will ever meet in a city where racial segregation prevents adequate entertainment of all delegates, a recommendation enthusiastically adopted at the conference here states. The delegates voted to "recommend that committees arranging for general meetings of the church locate such meetings only in places where adequate and suitable entertainment can be provided for all delegates and representatives of the church."

The Monitor-Herald, weekly paper at Calhoun City, recently carried a story about Cooper Hartley and his work in the Fairview Adams Memorial church in Coahoma county. He is a native of Calhoun county and many of the people in the church are also from the same place. He is the son of Rev. J. F. Hartley of Vardaman.

Rev. E. E. Hedgepeth has recently returned from Texas where he was in a revival meeting at Port Acres. There were nine additions.

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.—Chaplain Joseph F. Woodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Woodson, 703 Jefferson street, Tupelo, Mississippi, has been promoted to the grade of captain, according to announcement made by Col. Dudley B. Howard, commanding officer of this station of the First Air Force. Chaplain Woodson was graduated from Mississippi College in 1933, and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1940. He entered the service in March 1943, attending the Army Chaplain's School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. His wife, the former Miss Sue Terry, was born in Brazil, the daughter of American missionaries, and at present she is residing in Goldsboro, N. C., near this base.

Durham, N. C.—(RNS)—Invasion Day will be observed as a special day of prayer in Durham churches. The Durham Council of Churches and the Durham Methodist Ministers Association have endorsed the plan. The church council has named a special committee which will send communications to ministers of all churches urging that they plan some special observance of the day, either by having their church buildings open for those who wish to drop in to pray or to arrange special prayer services.

"Date With Destiny" by Ralph W. Sockman and published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., at \$1.50 is an interesting book. Those who enjoy Dr. Sockman in his radio sermons will enjoy this week. "Ours is a day of destiny, and we must rise to the stature of 'men of destiny.' We must act with speed and decision, but above all with a sense of direction. It is to stimulate the sense of direction that this book has been written. Urging no system for military victory or world policing, it rather declares the principles upon which all such systems must be based and the goals toward which they must aim." It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

"In Quest of a Kingdom" by Leslie D. Weatherhead and published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, of Nashville, Tennessee, is a thought-provoking, helpful book. Most of the book is given to a discussion of various parables. Anyone would be helped by reading it. There are two or three sentences with which we do not agree but we are better for having read the book. The price is \$2.00 and it may be ordered from the publishers or from your Baptist Book Store.

His many friends will learn with interest the announcement that W. C. Wood, pastor at Ponchatoula, La., and formerly pastor at Crosby, Miss., has accepted the pastorate of College Avenue church, Annapolis, Maryland. In addition to his ministerial training, Brother Wood is especially fitted for this field among the midshipmen and others at the Naval Academy. He served a number of years in the merchant marine and is, therefore, familiar with the problems of those who "go down to the sea in ships."

Andrew Coltharp, native of Myrtle, Miss., and for the past year assistant minister of Second church in Richmond, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Ocean View church, Norfolk. He will begin his ministry there next month.

The First Baptist Church, Eupora, received 21 for membership during the month of April, 14 for baptism.—J. R. Reedy, pastor.

Syracuse, N. Y.—(RNS)—There will be a special "service of recognition and remembrance" on invasion day at Erwin Methodist Church to honor 100 men and women of the church who are now in the armed forces. Every church member will be cited by name; special flag ceremonies will take place, and the Rev. Dean E. Richardson, pastor, will speak on "What Shall This Avail?"

According to President J. H. Rushbrooke, Baptist World Alliance, our Baptist brethren in Russia are on the verge of healing a breach which came in their ranks several years ago. Baptists and the other group which is named "Evangelical Christians" are making plans to restore their co-operation through the Baptist Union of Russia.

Recently A. L. Busby of Washington, D. C., sent his subscription for the Record and included an extra \$1.50 to be used in sending the Record to some needy person. "Go thou and do likewise."

Vacation Bible school at Stonewall begins May 21 and will run through May 26. Miss Nell Taylor will serve as principal and will be aided by a splendid faculty of our church. This school will open at 8:30 each morning. Miss Taylor will also teach a Sunday school study course each night during the same week.—S. I. Smith, pastor.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Cpl. John Wright Goodrich, Cherry Point, North Carolina; Rev. Woodrow Clark, Clinton; Rev. J. S. Deal, Silver City; Rev. Jim A. Smith, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Gordon Sansing, Pelahatchie; Mr. John Burns, Agricola; Rev. Earl Brooks, Weir, and Rev. C. C. Jones, Mendenhall.

The Board of Trustees, superintendent and children are grateful for the Mother's Day offerings to the Baptist Orphanage. If any church has not made such an offering, it may do so any time in May.

Vacation Bible school will be held at the Highland church in Meridian June 5 through 16. Dr. P. I. Lipsey preached on Mother's Day at both services.

During the Mother's Day season, Supt. and Mrs. W. G. Mize received several letters from former students who shared in the offering and expressed their appreciation of what the orphanage had meant to them. While Mother's Day is the special day of offering, churches may send in money any time for the home.

At the recent meeting of the National Evangelicals a proposed budget of \$75,000 was adopted and \$32,000 raised within a few minutes, according to reports from the convention.

This year in their convention the National Evangelicals devoted time to the matter of radio broadcasting as a means of propagating Christianity. They plan a world survey of radio looking forward to gospel broadcasting throughout the world after the war. This gathering also passed resolutions urging the army and navy not to require chaplains to do tasks contrary to their consciences in the pursuit of their duty.

Hepzibah church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record and voted to send it in addition to their men in armed forces. They also voted to send their pastor, H. B. Speights, to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. Everyone is happy in the work.—Kathryn Daniels, Silver Creek, reporter.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

Mississippi Baptists will assuredly want to join with multitudes of Christians around the world in a season of prayer as word is received of the invasion—D-Day. Recently at Columbus First church, we heard detailed announcements of plans for a sustained prayer meeting. Upon first receipt of the news of the invasion the church bell will ring. The people will immediately assemble at the church under designated leadership for a 12-hour prayer period.

While we do not think that production should be seriously curtailed, we can think of no mightier contribution that might be made at that time by Christian people, than to let their hearts and voices rise in a flood of prayer.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Brother J. E. Lane in the home going of his father last week. Brother Lane is one of our fine workers.

IMPORTANT DATES! September 18-22, 1944, is to be a significant week in Mississippi Baptist life. Pursuant to the instructions of the Convention and Board, five one-day Stewardship Revivals will be held as follows: Lucedale, Monday, September 18; Hazlehurst, Tuesday, September 19; Belzoni, Wednesday, September 20; Aberdeen, Thursday, September 21, and Holly Springs, Friday, September 22.

The services will begin at 10:00 a. m. each morning and close about 9:00 p. m. in the evening.

Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Minneapolis, Minnesota, popular and nationally known Baptist preacher, will be the featured out-of-state speaker.

Monday through Thursday, March 5-8, 1945, is the time of our next great Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference. Already Dr. R. Paul Caudill, First Baptist Church, Memphis, has agreed to be our afternoon Bible teacher and Conference leader. The three popular heads of our Seminaries will speak in the following order, bringing two messages each: Dr. Duke K. McCall, Tuesday; Dr. E. D. Head, Wednesday, and Dr. Ellis Fuller, Thursday.

We will also have another out-of-state speaker who will remain throughout the Conference. The place of meeting—Clinton, Mississippi.

Bad news! It is seldom we have to give Mississippi Baptists bad news. Down! Down! Down! If our memory serves us right, and we think it does, for the first time since November Mississippi Baptists suffered a drop in contributions during the month of April. Here is the record:

	Cooperative	Miscellaneous	Now Club	Totals
1944—April	\$22,494.57	\$31,636.12	\$5,580.85	\$59,711.54
1943—April	26,509.95	32,302.93	10,198.31	69,011.19
	(L) \$ 4,015.38	(L) \$ 666.81	(L) \$4,617.46	(L) \$ 9,299.65

Three major reasons might be designated. 1. The payment of income taxes. 2. The fact that the last day of the month was on Sunday. Most treasurers remit for the month the following day, so the receipts will show up in May. 3. The real reason was that Mississippi Baptists just did not send in enough of the Lord's money for the Lord's work, at home and around the world. To do this is to let missionaries down, to let evangelists down, to let the orphan down, to let our ministerial students down, etc. However, we know Mississippi Baptists well enough to know they will do better next time.

Pastor Estus Mason, Lyon, Mississippi, and a general chairman in the Appelman Campaign writes as follows: "The Appelman meeting can be counted as nothing but a 'success' in any way we look at it here. There were large numbers of conversions at each of the places where Brother Appelman preached in the surrounding territory and in Clarksdale. Then there were many who reaffirmed their allegiance to Christ. The Christians of the surrounding community certainly were blessed and revived, I am sure."

SONGS WE SING

By Gale Dunn

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS!

"This great militant hymn was inspired by the life of a young man who stood for right and had the courage to speak and live his convictions. This unusual young minister was Dudley A. Tyng of Philadelphia. He was pastor of a church in that city in the early 1850's but his ardent convictions against slavery, aroused the hostility of certain groups and the feeling ran so high in his own church that he was forced to resign.

"However, Mr. Tyng held to his convictions and in a very short time became one of the outstanding ministers of that city. Mr. Tyng was one of the leaders in the great religious movement in Philadelphia known as 'the work of God in Philadelphia.'

"Mr. Tyng was the dynamic force in the great noon day prayer meetings sponsored by the newly organized Young Men's Christian Association. The most noted of his messages at these meetings was the one he gave on March 30, 1858, taking as his text Exodus 10:11, 'Go now, ye that are men, and serve the Lord.' Five thousand men heard that message and it is said that a thousand men responded to his appeal to dedicate their lives to Christ.

"A short while after this wonderful meeting, Mr. Tyng was at his country home at Brookfield and leaving his study he went to the barn where a machine was shelling some corn. The sleeve of his gown caught in the moving machinery, his arm was pulled in, and he was so seriously injured that the outcome was fatal. He died on Monday, April 19, 1858. His close friend, George Duffield, Jr., was with him during his suffering and asked if he had a message

for the men in Philadelphia. He said, 'Tell them to STAND UP FOR JESUS.' With his friend's last words ringing in his heart, George Duffield went home from Tyng's funeral service. The message shaped into the poem that was to become one of America's outstanding hymns. At the close of Mr. Duffield's sermon the next Sunday morning he quoted the poem 'Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus.' The Sunday school superintendent was so impressed by its power and vigor that he had copies printed for use in the Sunday school. It soon found its way into a Baptist newspaper, and has been translated into many other languages and sung all over the world. Do you know all the stanzas of this great song? You can learn the whole song in just a few minutes.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day;
Ye that are men now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

"Our Father, give us more men like Dudley A. Tyng, men who have convictions for right and the courage to proclaim the whole gospel to the world and who are willing to STAND UP FOR JESUS.—Amen.—Arkansas Baptist.

LETTERS OF CHRISTIAN SOLDIER TOUCH ARMY CENSOR

A lieutenant with the American army "somewhere on the fighting fronts" had the task of censoring the letters of the men. Among them was a corporal who was a devoted Christian. The lieutenant stayed after the night services led by Chaplain Willis Brown, native Mississippian, to inquire more perfectly about the things he had read in the letters he censored. Chaplain Brown speaks of the testimony of the noble Christians among the enlisted men, and says, "One man with a changed heart is worth a dozen of my sermons."

Regarding this officer the chaplain says: "He is a navigator on one of our bombers. After Scripture references—referring this young fellow to the best possible instrument for navigation, and introducing him to the best Pilot, he said, 'Yes.' The navigator's testimony regarding what the corporal wrote was, 'You know, it sounded as though he meant every word of it, and that put me to thinking.' The chaplain added that he has the joy of seeing numbers each week take their stand through personal work.

DR. POLING REPORTS PROFOUND FEELING FOR RELIGION ON EVERY BATTLE-FRONT

Philadelphia—(RNS)—A profound feeling for religion exists on every battle-front, although sometimes it is "obscured by drink, sex, gambling, and heavy oaths," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, vice-chairman of the Service Men's Christian League and head of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, declared here on his return from a 35,000-mile air tour of Egypt, India, and China.

The church leader praised the Service Men's Christian League as a force

NORTHWEST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE WILL MEET AT SARDIS MAY 23

According to Secretary A. H. Childress, the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference will meet at Sardis on May 23. The following program has been arranged.

- 9:45—Devotional—C. L. Howe.
- 10:00—Reports from pastors present.
- 10:30—Archaeology and the Bible—E. L. Byrd.
- 11:15—The Pastor Counseling His People—C. J. Smyly.
- 12:00—Miscellaneous, and adjournment for lunch.
- 1:15—Song and prayer.
- 1:25—Galatians 4—M. C. Whitten.
- 2:05—Galatians 5—J. B. Ray.
- 2:40—Galatians 6—A. H. Childress.

Ralph W. Wiley of Montgomery, Ala., has been elected president of the Baptist Seminary. He succeeds Dr. Nabrit who has retired. This is a Negro Seminary to which Southern Baptists give a large measure of support. It is located at Nashville, Tenn.

for united Protestantism and called it "a tremendous success, not patterned after the church at home, but as a service program."

"The chaplaincy," he said, "is far in advance of the last war in caring for the moral and spiritual interests of the fighting men. It should be a great satisfaction to the parents of boys in the service."

Contrary to expectations in some quarters, Dr. Poling did not go to Russia or Australia, but returned directly to this country from China where he addressed a special meeting of Chinese Christian leaders under the auspices of the National Christian Council and described the "Six Pillars of Peace" formulated by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America."

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"PLAYING THE GAME"

When the Foreign Mission Board decided not to launch a huge drive for funds immediately upon their being freed of debt, they exhibited that spirit which has made them one of the most popular boards among Baptists. They stressed the importance of the Co-operative Program especially. They took the position that those states who were still struggling with debts should be encouraged to pay all they owe as soon as possible. They showed they desired to "play the game" with the states. This sympathetic attitude on the part of Dr. Charles Maddry, the secretary, and the entire board, will be appreciated all over the south. It reminds us that in the Foreign Mission Board the leaders still believe "we be brethren," and they long to see all the states free of debt. If Mississippi's plans go through, we hope to be able to face the world unshackled before Thanksgiving Day rolls around. Some of the brethren think that by the time we celebrate "Independence Day" on July 4th, that Mississippi will be independent of her creditors and will "owe no man anything, save to love one another."

FOR CHRISTIANS—WHICH?

In the daily press we noticed where a drug store owner in a neighboring state was asking his customers to "guess at the time the invasion would start" and promising the one who guessed most correctly a prize. In other places we have read that wagers are being placed on the time for invasion, men betting on one time or another.

On the other hand, plans are being made in many places for the church bells to ring, and the doors of all the sanctuaries to be opened for people to gather and pray—when the signal announcing the dreaded hour is flashed across the land.

For Christians, which is the way? Even for non-Christians, which is the way if they have not a heart of stone? Would one whose son, or brother, or neighbor's son is in those landing boats facing the withering fire of the best prepared and shrewdest enemy our country ever met wish to be gambling on "the time it will start, and win a prize"?

May God forgive any American whose heart is so hard that he can think sordidly of that hour which will bring the most heart-breaking day this country has faced in history. May God Himself reach down His mighty hand to shield those Who in His plan should live through those hours. May His Spirit win the heart of every soldier in those grim front lines this hour! May the Savior Who was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" be very close to all the loved ones at home when that day comes.

—BR—

IT LOOKS LIKE DISCRIMINATION

We recently received a list of five different chaplains' classes enrolled at the Naval Chaplains' School, Williamsburg, Virginia. And to our utter amazement we noted that the class leader in four of these classes was a Catholic. And evidently the only reason that the leader of the fifth class was not a Catholic was due to the fact that there was no Catholic in the class. It seems to us that some of the other denominations should be recognized by having some of their number selected as class leader. We do not know who does the selecting but we see no evidence whatever of fairness in having practically all the class leaders from the same denomination.

—BR—

Virgil Rateliff, pastor at Lumberton, has written that their church plans to take the special June offering for Mississippi debts on Father's Day and are advertising their plans.

WHY NOT, INDEED?

In the Baptist paper of another southern state we note the following timely item which was presented by the board of trustees of one of the Baptist colleges in that state:

Why Not?

Why should not every Baptist have some part in the debt-paying movement? There is nothing more worthy of our support than the cause of Christian Education, and this is a glorious opportunity for all of us to have some part in it. Join now and get somebody else to do so.—Board of Trustees, Southwest Baptist College.

Their problem is similar to Mississippi's in the Now Club effort and through our special JUNE OFFERING, we hope to get a glimpse of complete victory. The board of trustees raised a pertinent question and we echo, "Why not, indeed?"

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PART TIME PREACHING AND FULL TIME SERVICE

In churches where there is only "part time preaching," thoughtful members for a long time have felt the need of a better service for their communities. They have felt that their children would have a better chance to grow up into sincere Christians and stable Baptists if they had "full time work" in their churches, even though their pastor could not come every Sunday.

Perhaps the new idea offered by the Sunday School Board in its literature just off the press may be the answer to this need. This program is merely a suggested outline of worship which can be adjusted to any church, anywhere. The program outline is elastic and can be handled by any responsible man in the church. It includes the Bible readings, the songs of Zion and good fellowship in united prayer. This idea means that after Sunday school each Sunday, the church will remain together for a regular worship service. They will praise God, study His Word, make an offering into the church treasury, possibly hear some testimonial from one who loves the Lord's work and create such an atmosphere that people may be born into the Kingdom of God. The program is easy to carry out.

This is Scriptural, for not all the early Christian group who held services and won people were ordained preachers. We hope all the churches will start in June and have "full time services" where they now have part time preaching only. The same thing can be done at the evening hour after Training Union.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

In my opinion, a very great blessing comes to a church when its pastor and its members realize that a Vacation Bible school is of untold value to the life of their church. One has only to think for a moment to realize the necessity of it in every church.

We think of the child who spends about one-fourth of his time in vacation. With many children, this means about three months of aimless play and pastime with no helpful supervision. The church has its share of responsibility for the religious education of the child, and no small part of this responsibility falls on the pastor and the general superintendent of the Sunday school.

The churches, through the Sunday schools, are making splendid progress in religious teaching. These splendid efforts can easily be supplemented by Vacation Bible school work for two weeks. Three hours per day for two weeks will give the church thirty hours of additional teaching time for its children.

The child will be helped greatly by this additional teaching in Bible school. Its supervised play, its clean, constructive, delightful social life, its mental discipline and the helpful environment will bear fruit in the life of the child.

The pastor, too, will profit by his contact with the Bible school. Here he will have the privilege of studying child life at first hand, of winning their love through fellowship and greatest of all, he will have the opportunity to win some of the children to Christ.

The church will reap great dividends as a result of its efforts in Bible school. Its advertising value for the church, the grip it will secure on the children and through them on their parents, and the souls that will be won, will greatly repay the church for the efforts and expense.

The Vacation Bible school should not become a side issue, but an essential part of the educational program of the church. It is so important that it demands the best talent and consecration in the church.

Surely every pastor should make a place in his church program for the Vacation Bible school.

L. F. HAIRE, Pastor,
Bruce, Miss.

—BR—

INDIAN SPRINGS HAS BANNER WORK

Indian Springs church will observe home-coming day on May 21, and have invited all friends and former members to attend. This rural church went to full time 15 months ago and each Sunday the interest and enthusiasm of the members has proved their appreciation. The Sunday school has on roll 120 and a good Training Union is maintained. Although 90% of the baptisms usually come from the Sunday school and B. T. U., evangelistic efforts are successful even beyond since February and March baptisms came from beyond these. More than 50 families receive The Baptist Record weekly. The following is the financial report for the first quarter this year:

Pastor, \$483.28; Cooperative Program, \$96.75; domestic missions \$38.63, and miscellaneous, \$25.75.

The revival will begin July 23 with Gerald Riddell, of West Laurel church, doing the preaching.—W. B. Sanderson, pastor.

SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES

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much they suffered in the conflict. Those who now enjoy the high privilege of unmolested worship should give credit to the Baptists since it is their blood-bought trophy.

Both Necessary and Due Recognition and Allegiance Should Be Given

The realm of the church is in the spirit and that of the state is in the civil or physical. Since man is both physical and spiritual there needs to be a recognition and allegiance to both church and state.

Jesus clearly taught this when tempted by the chief priests and scribes who thought He was trying to overthrow the civil, Caesar's rule. They asked him: "Shall we pay tribute to Caesar or no?" He said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Luke 20:22-25. On another occasion lest He be charged with failing to have proper regard for the state He told Peter to go to the sea and get a coin out of the fish's mouth and pay taxes for both of them. Because of the emphasis Jesus placed upon the spiritual it was doubtless thought He had no regard for the civil, but not so. He was putting the two in their right relationship and properly evaluating them both. The spiritual, the church, should always be placed above the civil or the state. This no doubt was in the mind of Jesus when He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. The Apostle Paul in Rom. 13, taught the same thing in saying: "Let every soul (saint and sinner) be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Then again "Render therefore to all their dues."

There are a number of duties every Christian must discharge to the state if he proves himself a worthy citizen. First, he must be obedient to the laws of the state. This of course where the civil laws do not contravene the laws of God. When this is the case his first duty is to God. An illustration is the case of the navy chaplain who recently was ordered by a superior officer to arrange a social function for the men of the navy. Among other things the chaplain was to provide liquor for the men on his ship. Rather than comply with this request, he resigned his commission. In this he may not have acted wisely according to the wisdom of the world, but he acted righteously. Second, one must pay tribute or taxes. This is necessary to the maintenance of the state. Laws for the protection of the state must be enacted and enforced. The expense thus incurred is most largely met by the taxes from its citizens. There is no money invested from which there are greater returns than the taxes one pays, even though some of it is squandered and unwisely spent. Third, the good, true citizen not only is law-abiding in his own conduct but endeavors to see to it that others keep the law also.

As there are duties to the state, so there are some to be rendered unto the church. The church is composed of "called out ones" and the walk of the member should ever be as becometh this high calling. The church is an institution above all others in this world and it is no small thing to be one of her members as some seem to think, judging by their attitude toward her. Every member

CHURCH PRESS URGES SPECIAL TRAINING IN RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM

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on church publications and secular newspapers.

The Shieler committee will study all the possibilities and take action to assure an adequate future supply of trained religious journalists.

The three-day convention heard discussions of problems facing religious publications and the churches.

Several speakers reported that the beginning of a religious awakening is under way in the churches. This point was stressed by Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of The Christian Century, Chicago, who in a featured address said "The church is discovering its gospel and its mission," and listed four signs of this church awakening:

1. The church is awakening to a sense of its unique responsibility for the character of civilization.

2. The church is discovering that the resources for discharging this responsibility are inherent in its own gospel.

3. The church is becoming aware of its independence from political and secular control.

4. The church is awakening to the reality of its own unit.

Dr. Morrison predicted that totalitarianism might continue after the war, and called upon the churches to unite and resist encroachments by the state. "The church may become the only champion of the people's freedom against the state," he said.

Asserting that "a great religious movement is awakening in America today," Dr. William F. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago Daily News, urged a new type of evangelism which would revolve around the family and stress religion in the home.

In a session devoted to peace planning, Dr. Luman J. Shafer warned against "utopian thinking" on the post-war international situation.

Associate Secretary of the Commission for a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Shafer said the churches, while continuing to promote their high ideals, "must be satisfied with less than a perfect peace," and counselled religious bodies to support proposals which "move in the direction of true international collaboration."

Other featured convention speakers were Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor, The Christian Advocate, Chicago; Leland D. Case, editor, The Rotarian, Chicago; and Dr. Jacob Payton, Washington.

owes it to the church to attend her worship. The admonition of the scripture is to "forsake not the assembling of ourselves together." Perhaps no greater contribution can be made to the support of the church than an attendance upon her stated services. A third debt that a member owes to the church is to assist in meeting the expense necessary to the carrying on of her work. God required a tithe of the Israelites of old for their tabernacle and temple service; surely He does not require less of the members of the churches now. When these and other obligations to the church that might be mentioned are discharged, then she will much more nearly fulfill the mission for which she is designed in the world.

THE STRANGEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED

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—yet He never heard an oratorio or attended a grand opera.

He never had so much as a house, but wealth has multiplied everywhere he has gone.

He was never one hundred miles from home (except as an infant), but His fame through nineteen hundred years has gone to the ends of the earth.

He was offered the kingdoms of the whole world, but He preferred the humble life.

His own nation rejected Him, but people of every nation of the earth have accepted Him.

He was a perfect pacifist, yet He has overthrown the greatest empires.

He never used or called upon any of His followers to use but one weapon—Love.

He left the world the golden rule and the world would be golden if governed by this rule.

He told men to love their enemies.

He taught people how to love so they could sleep with themselves without nightmares and get up with self-respect.

The best way to look out for Number One is to look out for Number Two.

General Ballington Booth a few years ago sent a New Year message to the world in one word, "Others."

He makes us think of others as no one ever has done, especially at Christmas and other festive seasons.

He was a peaceful man—"The Prince of Peace"—strange He should be put to death.

He was born in a manger; He died as a malefactor, yet after nineteen hundred years lives as no other man.

He is the only one, universal, international personality who rose above all national and geographical lines and every racial instinct.

The wife of the judge who condemned Him to death begged him not to do so.

The judge who pronounced the death sentence tried publicly to wash the blood from his own hands.

Every other man has had his faults, but in court the judgment of the judge was, "I find no fault in this man."

One simple life is worth more than a thousand eloquent philosophies of life—who was it that said, "Your life speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say"?

Hundreds of millions bow at the mention of His name and sing anthems of praise and thanksgiving for such a man.

The world would give millions of dollars if the picture of this man could be purchased.

If all men were like Him fear would be banished and war would be no more.

Some day He may bring peace to all the world.

Thousands of the most learned men on earth are still trying to understand and explain Him.

He is the strangest man that ever lived.—Alabama Baptist.

—BR—

Belmont church, Roanoke, Va., has inaugurated a mid-week Bible class which, according to Pastor E. D. Poe, will supplant the "old-fashioned" prayer meeting without displacing any time given to prayers.

CONDITIONS IN ITALY CHALLENGE

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untary Sunday evening services in their chapels—and have filled them with soldiers. The Italian congregation stays after their service to attend ours—and we have them sing some of our hymns. We have found some of their hymns and tunes the same as ours. This may be because they have been partially supported by the Southern Baptist Mission Board.

"This brings me to the pressing problem that I have discovered in talking with one of the pastors—he never complained but my inquisitiveness brought it out. The war has stopped financial assistance from the United States.

"He used to get help each month from the Missionary Society, Southern Baptists of the United States. His congregation is very poor in wealth, but not in spirit. He has a fine wife and lovely daughter. For 22 years he has worked in this town, and has built up a good congregation of 60 members—his church is crowded. In peace times a pair of shoes cost 40 lire—they now cost 1000 lire. Yet he now gets nothing from America, and only 300 lire a month from his congregation."

(Note: The Foreign Mission Board has reasonable expectation of getting relief at an early date to these Italian churches and pastors. Let us get ready for the day when the doors will open for us to send relief to Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece.)

THOSE TEN YEARS' SUNDAY SCHOOL LOSSES BAPTISTS MAKE GAINS

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ferred for this failure of the Sunday school to hold its own, the bishops said. They felt that the rise in secularism and a corresponding drop in spiritual life, the inferior quality of work in many Sunday schools, ineffective pastoral leadership and lack of evangelistic zeal all contributed to the decline. Furthermore, the bishops said, the figures were somewhat deceiving since much of the work formerly done exclusively by the Sunday school now is done by other organizations."

Southern Baptists Make Good Gains

It may be news to the Methodist bishops and to the public in general, but during this same ten years (1934-1944), Southern Baptists have made a net gain of 2,673 Sunday schools, or 267 new Sunday schools each year; whereas, in spite of giving up over 400,000 to America's armed forces, Southern Baptists made a net gain of 228,567 in Sunday school enrollment during this same period.

In 1934, for example, Southern Baptists had 22,072 Sunday schools with 3,104,411 total enrolled; whereas in 1944 Southern Baptists report 24,745 Sunday schools and 3,332,978 enrolled—and this in spite of the fact that over 400,000 former Sunday school pupils in Southern Baptist churches have been inducted into the armed forces of America.

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Saratoga Springs, N. Y.: A proposal that church members be "taxed" each week to assure payment of a minimum salary to Methodist ministers failed to win endorsement at the annual meeting here of the Troy Methodist Conference. The plan will be presented at the forthcoming General Conference at Kansas City.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

This note concerning our Annie Armstrong Offering will be of interest to all. Through May 10th our bookkeeper had received \$27,429.41. This is \$5,000 more than last year and there is more yet to come. I am urging all treasurers, who have not already done so, to send your offering this month.

Perhaps the preamble of our nominating committee's report, as printed below may seem a bit late in appearing in print as well as usual, but we feel that it is worthy of space because of its tribute to our former president.

Report of Nominating Committee of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union 1944

Mrs. H. K. Sledge, Chairman

Last evening upon returning to my hotel room at the close of the evening session I read this verse from God's word: "For God has not given to us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Timothy 1:7. To be honest with you, it meant little or nothing to me. Good-nights were said and the lights extinguished.

As I lay in the darkness reviewing the marvelous sessions of the convention, it occurred to me that just as the proper setting reveals the true beauty of a jewel, so had the masterly presiding of our president enhanced each part of our convention program. The aptness of phrasing as she introduced the speakers; the charm of her personality; the grace and graciousness of her presiding—together they had woven a beautiful, a perfect, setting for each speaker, every song, all deliberations.

Then the words of the Scripture verse came to me again: "God has not given to us a spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Truly, I thought, God has given to the Mississippi WMU this year, in the person of Mrs. J. H. Street, these very attributes.

Let us change the parts of speech a bit, making of the nouns in this verse adverbs—fearlessly; powerfully; lovingly; intelligently. Do not these adverbs fittingly describe the manner in which our president has led us this year into new experiences with, and larger victories for Christ our Lord?

We rejoiced last convention time when we greeted Mrs. Street as our new president. We anticipated many years of victorious leadership by her. I know that you have received with the same measure of regret and sorrow as has the nominating committee the decision of Mrs. Street that she can no longer serve as president. Knowing that her life is yielded to God and directed by Him, we cannot challenge this decision; it is with the greatest reluctance that we accept it.

Knowing, also, that our God does not forsake His Kingdom's work, we turned to Him, confidently expecting that He would direct us to the right person to serve as our president. And this God who called out Moses, who

spoke to Samuel and to Gideon, who has called every Christian leader throughout the ages has, we confidently believe, spoken again.

And so it is with pleasure that the nominating committee presents for your consideration to serve as president of the Mississippi W. M. U., Mrs. Webb Brame, of Yazoo City, Miss.

Perhaps some of us have overlooked the fact that Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptist Convention does not meet at the same time and place of Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta this week, but will meet in Oklahoma City, September 20-21. Each state is entitled to fifty delegates and we are assured of ample and adequate accommodations. But the local committee in Oklahoma City is asking each state to get the names of those planning to go as delegates into the hands of the committee by August 1st. This is about two months off, so we are asking each woman who would like to be a delegate to send her name to this office before too late to secure accommodations.

The week of May 7-12 was G. A. Focus Week in the south and we have heard many splendid echoes from a number of groups who observed it—we would appreciate a write-up of your observance for this page. We cannot estimate the value of the work of our auxiliaries as they study missions. From the Current Missionary Events in May Royal Service I quote: "Miss Willie Harris, a missionary of the Woman's American Foreign Mission Society recently returned on the S. S. Gripsholm after twenty years of missionary service and four months in a Japanese concentration camp in China, held all spell-bound as she told her experiences—so says the editor of Missions."

Though working under a board of the Northern Convention, "Billie" Harris, as we affectionately call her, was brought up in a Richmond, Virginia, church where her missionary education was begun in one of our very first Girls' Auxiliaries and was influenced to prepare and offer herself as a missionary nurse in China through the work of her G. A. in behalf of the Mayfield Tyzzer Hospital—the women's part of which is known as the Kathleen Mallory Hospital in Laichow-Fu.

I have worked with the Mississippi women in Woman's Missionary Union long enough to learn that the large majority of you know the meaning of the significant word "cooperation" for I have seen the fruits of your unified efforts in every great task we have undertaken since I have been serving as Executive Secretary. We are confident that you are always loyal to your pastor and his church program, which is as it should be because our organization is auxiliary to our church.

Next month we are going to have the opportunity to prove our strength in cooperating with our pastors as they plan to lead us in paying every

cent of our state Baptist debts.

For years our denomination has been handicapped in its missionary program because of the weight of debt that has hindered us. In fact, it has come between us and our mission opportunities so often, it has almost blurred our vision of the needs. What a challenging program confronts us as we move toward our post-war responsibility as Christians! With unity of purpose and faith in God we are able to pay our debts in June. What a victory will be ours if ALL of us have a part.

As always, I am depending on your faithfulness and the riches of your liberality.

March 25, 1944.

Miss Fannie Traylor
P. O. Box 530
Jackson 105, Mississippi.
Dear Miss Traylor:

It was such a joy to have your letter of Dec. 1, and let me express my deep appreciation for the subscription to the "Reader's Digest." It is the one magazine outside of Spanish material that I get a chance to read and really enjoy, so it is most deeply appreciated. Please express my gratitude to the friends of Mississippi for such a thoughtful and welcome gift.

So often I think of you folks there and make a firm resolution to sit down and write you, but it seems that something always comes up, but nevertheless I think of you continually and remember you with love and gratitude for what you have meant and do mean to me, in being such a great help and with your love and interest. I hang my head in shame when I realize that it has been over a year since I even got out one of those famous "circular letters," but it seems that with the continual change and taking on of more work, that somehow one just gets lost in it all.

We had a fine year during 1943 and I had my first graduate, the young lady who started with the men the first year I was here and who later married but continued her studies, to be the first to receive the diploma. We had nine girls in the beginning of the year, but one left during the mid-term because of bad health. This year we have two new girls that seem to be exceptionally fine, and come with more preparation than any we've had until now.

During the summer, I had the pleasure to direct the Daily Vacation Bible school here in the First church and later to help in one in another church. Also during the month of January I attended the University of Chile summer school, taking a course in Chilean History, Spanish Composition, and The Values in Philosophy, Psychology, and Pedagogy. I thoroughly enjoyed the courses, and believe that they helped me a great deal, especially with my Spanish, but also that I had the opportunity to know many Chileans in the educational field and make many good contacts. They were most considerate and lovely to me. So, my sum-

mer has been rather full and fled away all too fast.

Now, it is almost time for me to go home on furlough, and perhaps this time next year I'll probably be with you, since it is possible that I might go in March because of the school here. I can hardly realize that it is time for furlough. In many ways it seems rather short, but in others it seems much more than five years. I'm sure I shall find many changes there at home that have taken place during these years, but there is one thing of which we can always be sure, and that is that God never changes, but is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever.

Please remember me with love to Miss Ed, Miss Nettie Ree, and the others there in the office as well as to all my friends of Mississippi. Many, many thanks again for the subscription to the "Reader's Digest."

Lovingly,

GEORGIA MAE OGBURN,

Casilla 9796,
Santiago, Chile.

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Bryan Simmons of Laurel writes: "B. S. Hilbun will speak on the Now Club at the Southeast Pastors' Conference. I note with regret the falling off in receipts last month in the Now Club. I am asking my churches to cooperate in the June offering and I know they will."

25 Years Ago

Dr. J. P. Wall, who volunteered his services to the government immediately on the declaration of war with Germany and who has held the rank of captain, has returned to Jackson. With many friends we welcome him home and wish for him yet larger usefulness in his chosen field of work.

Rev. I. D. Eavenson, assistant professor of English in Mississippi College, has accepted the call of the Tunica church and will locate on the field at the close of the session.

Many will say amen to the fine tribute which Editor Routh paid in the Standard last week to Dr. J. B. Gambrell, the peerless leader, the great commoner, the noblest Roman of them all, May his vision of a seer and his voice as a prophet long stir the hearts and lead the hosts to service.

President L. R. Scarborough of the Fort Worth Seminary, is doing the preaching in a great meeting with the Deaderick Avenue church, Knoxville, Tenn. We expect gracious results.

Prof. B. G. Lowrey, president of the State Convention and field representative of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges, has accepted the position of vice president of Blue Mountain College. He will assume his official duties at the opening session in September.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



S. C. WILBANKS
Pleasant Hill, Tippah County, is No. 729

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Pleasant Hill as No. 729 on the EVERY FAMILY list. The clerk, H. H. Harrison has sent in the EVERY FAMILY list with news that the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Rev. S. C. Wilbanks is pastor of this progressive church.

Tippah county now has Record readers listed as follows: CHALYBEATE 42; BLUE MOUNTAIN 119; Dumas 2; FALKNER 17; Fellowship 2; HARMONY 20; MT. HEBRON 18; Mt. Olive 3; PINE GROVE 40; PROVIDENCE 32; RIPLEY 70; TIPLERSVILLE 21; WALNUT 36; Whitten Town 9; and PLEASANT HILL 29.

Lively is Still Lively

One of the latest EVERY FAMILY lists is from Amaziah church, Union county. Bilbo Lively is the pastor. We understand that Rev. G. L. Gullett was also helpful in getting the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Our readers will remember Pastor Lively as pastor of a Pontotoc county church that adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan at a midnight service several months ago.

Union county now has Record readers listed as follows: CENTER 42; Blue Springs 6; GLENFIELD 35; MYRTLE 44; NEW ALBANY 384; Harmony 1; Oak Grove 1; WALLERVILLE 37; Unity 1; ELLISTOWN 37; Neely Memorial 2; Shady Grove 1; AMAZIAH 20, and ENTERPRISE 48.

New Pastor Appreciates EVERY FAMILY Plan

Rev. Winfred Moore, who recently became pastor at Olive Branch, lost no time in helping to lead his church in adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan. After having it for a short time, he writes: "Our church has had the EVERY FAMILY Plan for only a short time, but it has already proved itself to be one of the greatest steps ever taken by our church. Our membership is receiving information and inspiration for which we are indeed more than grateful. We feel that without a doubt The Baptist Record's coming into the homes of our membership has improved every phase of our church program. The Record is a wonderful paper, and is a MUST on our list for the future."

More Proof

I can see an increased interest in all services at the church since the E. F. Plan went into effect. The presence of The Baptist Record in a home is much like the presence of a beloved pastor.

MILTON PAYNE,
Olive Branch.

Another Negro Church Receives Record

A. C. Parker, pastor of Petal-Harvey church, sends us a list of 10 names of colored Baptists to whom The Baptist Record is to be sent. Such mission work as this will do more to create good race leadership than a hundred rabble-rousing, fire-eating speeches by extremists. We commend this plan to others.

Mize Marches On

Is Every Family No. 720

Recently W. H. Wood became pastor at Mize and as his usual custom, he soon led them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Realizing the value of having informed Baptist he sent the list with the instructions to start it as soon as possible.

Baptist Record readers in Smith county are now listed as follows: Homewood 9; LEAF RIVER 93; LOR-ENA 34; MIZE 25; Oak Grove 9; POLKVILLE 29; Raleigh 13; Rocky Hill 13; SYLVARENA 52; TAYLORSVILLE 54; White Oak 4; Wilkerson Memorial 3; Sardis 3; Clear Creek 2; Sharon 1, and FELLOWSHIP 31.

Editor's Home County Supports EVERY FAMILY Plan

The Benson Grove church, Johnston Association, H. M. Hall, pastor, has a membership of 50 and a Sunday school enrollment of 75. W. Z. Parrish is superintendent of the Sunday school. On a recent Sunday, the editor of the Recorder had a pleasant visit with these people. The church follows the Every-Family plan for subscriptions to the Recorder.—N. C. Biblical Recorder.

The editor of The Baptist Record notices with pride the fact that the churches of his own home county in North Carolina are also supporting the same plan, the EVERY FAMILY Plan, that has helped The Baptist Record to grow in circulation from 4,000 to almost 41,000. There never will be a better plan.

Driver's Flat Has Official Family Plan

A letter from Rev. C. T. Schmitz brings the good news that Driver's Flat church has adopted the Official Family plan of The Baptist Record. The pastor states that, "This is the first time they ever took it."

And the pastor also inclosed some money for the Cooperative Program. This is the usual procedure. Everywhere The Baptist Record goes, so does Missions.

Calhoun county now has Record readers as follows: BETHANY 58; Big Creek 2; BRUCE 137; CALHOUN CITY 170; College Hill 7; DERMA 60; Gaston Springs 2; Macedonia 5; MERIDIAN 13; Midway 1; MT. MORIAH 61; OAK GROVE 14; Oldtown 1; PITTSBORO 31; PLEASANT RIDGE 16; ROCKY MOUNTAIN 19; Sarepta 1; Shiloh 3; SLATE SPRINGS 13; Spring Hill 1; VARDAMAN 73; Banner 2; Spring Creek 4; Bethel 4; POPLAR SPRINGS 24; VICTORY 17, and Driver's Flat 7.



GOVERNOR THOMAS BAILEY and DR. ELLIS A. FULLER

Commencement speakers for Blue Mountain College are (left to right) Governor Thomas L. Bailey, who will make the commencement address

May 29, and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., who will preach the baccalaureate sermon, May 28.

SOUTHWESTERN ENDS FINE YEAR

The thirty-seventh annual commencement of Southwestern Seminary ended Friday morning, May 5th, with the awarding of 108 diplomas and degrees. The baccalaureate address was delivered by Solon B. Cousins, professor of Bible, University of Richmond, on "Wanted—A Fresh Apocalypse." The student address on this occasion was delivered by Stanley M. Brown, a graduate of William Jewell College.

The graduates were from 16 states and two foreign countries. Included in this number were three from Mississippi.

The Schools of Sacred Music and Religious Education had special features on the program. The School of Sacred Music presented a musical program on Tuesday evening under the direction of Professor J. Campbell Wray, and the School of Religious Education had its program Thursday evening, May 4th, under the direction of Doctor J. M. Price. Miss Donal Jones of New Orleans, a recent appointee of the Foreign Mission Board, and a graduate of Louisiana State University, was the student speaker.

W. R. White, of the Sunday School Board, delivered the commencement address for the School of Religious Education. He spoke on some of the dangers to Baptists growing out of the largeness of many of our churches.

At the close of the commencement program, E. D. Head, president of the Seminary, publicly announced the retirement of Jeff D. Ray after 37 years as a teacher in Southwestern. Dr. Ray says that he is "not retiring" but is merely changing the nature of his work. He will continue to write for various publications, speak and preach as the occasion arises.—T. B. Mason.

The following are graduates:

Diploma of Sacred Music—Roy J. Taylor.

Bachelor of Sacred Music—Jean E. Doyle and Virginia Hagood.

Master of Sacred Music—Sadie Lee Davis and Rebecca Sifford.

Diploma in Religious Education—Mrs. Mack A. Bryant, Connie Dear, Mrs. James Lee Jordan, Cara D. Overbeck, Roy J. Taylor, Lois Turnbow and Nina E. Tyler.

Bachelor of Religious Education—Mrs. Linston Brister, William R. Bumpas, Elizabeth Josephine Camp-

bell, Mrs. W. K. McGuire, Eleanor Owens, Mrs. Scott L. Tatum, Mrs. Charles A. Trentham, and Mrs. Allen Webb.

Master of Religious Education—Jincie Ballenger, Sarah Ceravolo, Ethel Chaney, Lola Marie Conner, John Cleveland Cory, Doris Ollie Cutter, Veda Elizabeth Franklin, Carl J. Grissom, Virginia Hagood, Ruby Hines, Ray Porter Ingram, Patsy Garner Jordan, Ruth M. Jordan, Mildred E. Lovegren, Helen Louise McCullough, Mrs. Harold P. McGlamery, Mabel Malone, Essie Pearl Matheny, Albertine Meador, Mrs. Frank Means, Lois Nichols, Imogene Roberson, Julia Antoinette Johnson, Donal LaVon Jones, Melvin Arthur Roberts, Jewell Doris Smith and Winnona Eileen Watson.

Diploma in Theology—Weldon Franklin Brooks, George Kay Corley, Jr., Joseph Cecil Daily, Carroll Jackson, James Lee Jordan and Harvey J. Matthews.

Bachelor of Theology—Elias Atencio, Charles Cornelius Bowles, Ernest L. Bowman, Mack A. Bryant, John Cleveland Cory, Ottis Edward Denney, Charles Cross Duncan, Wade Butler East, Arthur L. Ellis, Harry Howard Gregory, Carl J. Grissom, William Alvah Kelley, Roy A. Lambert, Chester Moss, W. E. Perry, Lester P. Probst and John C. Segler.

Master of Theology—Harold Basden, Zeb Linston Brister, Olie T. Brown, J. W. Bruner, Jr., Johnnie Cole, Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., John B. Davidson, William Deryl Edwards, Norman Fromm, Delbert L. Gibson, Woodrow W. Gray, James Henry Hagood, Orbin Otho Harper, James Barden Hester, Julius R. Hickerson, Jr., E. Milford Howell, Cecil Maynard Hyatt, Ray Porter Ingram, James Blaine Jones, Gerald D. Kellar, Harold P. McGlamery, William E. Norman, Robert Lee O'Brien, Raymond A. Quick, Ralph Harold Reasor, Hobert Lee Sampson, Robert Carlisle Sieg, Joseph Jackson Slone, Roy F. Sutton, Scott Lamar Tatum, Clifton Raymond Tennison, Cooper Waters, Allen Otis Webb, Warren M. White and Henry Gerhard Wiens.

Doctor of Theology—Robert Andrew Baker, Roger D. Hebard, Robert Fleming Ricketson and Arthur B. Rutledge

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The Bible does not need to be re-written, but re-read.



REV. R. R. BRIGANCE
GLOSTER'S NEW PASTOR

When Pastor and Mrs. Roy R. Brigance arrived at Gloster they found a fine group of people with a cordial welcome and a pantry filled with good things to eat and a congregation with the spirit of cooperation that warmed their hearts. In summing up the work at Mt. Olive Pastor Brigance said, "At our first prayer group there were nine or ten in attendance; later reached a good average. The church indebtedness of \$7,000 was wiped out by their conscientious following God's plan, and a larger budget was adopted. One of the greatest helps on the human side was the fine Baptist Brotherhood made up of the laymen who always helped in the work of the church 100%, and led in Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The young people's work grew from a little handful to where they were the crown of the church life. They played a great part in the prayer services and in building up the evening services. Out of these Sunday night services when the young people had charge of the music some wonderful talent came, which is being used to glorify God. The adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record was responsible in part for the success of the work, for the information the people received through it moved them to achieve things. The Lord deserves the credit due for the work at Mt. Olive, rather than this servant of His. The breaking of the blessed relationship there, cemented through the years of toil and sorrows, joys and fruitfulness with that fine group brought grief and pain to our family. Only the leadership of God could lead us to break such bonds."

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED

The Save the Children Federation is appealing for donations of children's books in preparation for its Santa Claus Party for children in isolated mountain and rural areas of our country, where thousands of youngsters are urgently in need of good, appropriate reading material. Not text books, but books of nature, song, adventure, and the classics—the kind children from the kindergarten through the high school love to read.

These books are collected throughout the year to gladden the hearts of needy children at Christmas time. More than 35,000 presents were sent by the Santa Claus Party to these children last year. Won't you help the cause now by sending books your own children have loved and outgrown. It may seem early in the year



MRS. NELLIE WHITE
in whose home Calvary Baptist Church in Lawrence county was organized in 1889.

CALVARY CHURCH IN LAWRENCE COUNTY ORGANIZED IN 1889

Back in the days of riding skirts, horse-blocks and buggies a band of Christian people gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White at Silver Creek, in Lawrence county, to organize a church where they could teach the Word of God and hear it preached. The group included seven couples, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toler, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Major Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ratcliff and Rev. and Mrs. Roland Hall. The land was donated by the Hall family, and Thomas White acted as contractor. A. B. Ratcliff and Thomas White were the first deacons. The building was erected on a high, rocky hill, in 1889, and the name "Calvary" was selected. The belfry was separate from the church house and erected on a solid rock, its tones being heard over a radius of 10 miles. Rev. Josiah Boone of Brookhaven was the first called pastor and N. H. Sharp was church clerk. Despite travel handicaps the membership increased greatly, some people walking as much as four miles when other ways were not available. When the church bought an organ, the entire village enjoyed the good singing of the old gospel songs. Rev. Joe Carter and Rev. J. P. Williams also served later as pastors of the church.

When the railroad came through, the town developed some distance away from the church location, and the new building was moved to the neighborhood of the homes of the people. The cemetery still remains on the high hill where Calvary church once stood. Until recently there were two living charter members, but Mrs. Nellie White, who recently passed away at the age of 86 years, left only Mrs. Nora Sharp of the original group.—Mrs. Virgil Wilkes.

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Harvey T. Gibson, layman, has been elected Training Union secretary for North Carolina. He was assistant professor of English at North Carolina State College before his election.

to make this appeal, but the Santa Claus Party is desirous of making 50,000 children happy this Christmas, and wishes to be prepared to do this early so that the various parties can be held before the little one-room schools close for Christmas vacation.

Send your books to Santa Claus Workshop, 482 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.



MISS LOUISE CALCOTE,
Educational Director
Mississippi Church Council for
Narcotics Education

The Church Council for Narcotics Education has secured the services of Miss Louise Calcote as its educational director. She is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College and has recently completed three months special training in the field of narcotics education in Evanston, Illinois. She is well qualified by personality, training and experience to make an outstanding contribution in this field of education. She was formerly a teacher in the Ruleville public schools. Miss Calcote's services are available to churches and other organizations of the state which are interested in the promotion of a more effective approach to the narcotics problem.

Constituent organizations represented in the council are the Methodist church, Rev. I. H. Sells; the Baptist churches, E. C. Williams; the Presbyterian church, Dr. R. L. Landis; the Christian church, Rev. G. M. Peery; the Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. D. R. Jenkins; the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Susie V. Powell, and the State Department of Education. The purpose of the council is to study the needs of children, youth and adults in narcotics education and to furnish such training as to meet these needs.

The officers of the council are: Rev. G. M. Peery, chairman; Mr. J. A. Travis, first vice-chairman; Miss Martha Ann Smyley, second vice-chairman; Mrs. Paul Arrington, secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Ezelle, treasurer.

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Pinola Baptist Church will begin their Vacation Bible school May 29 under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Allen. Mrs. I. N. Farmer and Mrs. Z. B. McAlphin will work with Intermediates; Mrs. H. L. Winson and Mrs. P. H. Scarber with the Juniors; Mrs. C. W. Chappel and Mrs. James Giles with the Primaries; Miss Kathlene Bush and Mrs. Guy Little with the Beginners. Mrs. Harry Bishop will be the chorister and Charles Allen, Jr., will be the artcraft leader.—Dott Sanders, reporter.

Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in his monthly report for April shows that Mississippi gave \$14,010.50 to the Cooperative Program; \$22,804.15 Designated; and a total of \$36,814.65. There has been an increase in Southwide gifts of \$134,114.08 over the same period of time last year.

J. R. Davis, Mississippian, has resigned the pastorate at Paris, Ky., and accepted the Oakland church, Roanoke, Virginia.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted

John Barnes, Main Street, Hattiesburg.

Robert E. Lee, Bayshore church, Tampa, Fla.

Harold B. Fisher, Roncuerte church, Roncuerte, W. Va.

H. K. Masteller, First, Asheboro, N. C.

Bruce Price, Beech Street church, Texarkana, Ark.

Raymond Smith, Tabernacle, Knoxville, Tenn.

J. C. Hedrick, First, Greenfield, Tenn.

L. L. Robol, Park Avenue, Corpus Christi, Texas.

D. R. Stripling, First, Gladewater, Tex.

L. J. Thompson, First, Selmer, Tenn.

Frank Clark, Barwick and Mystic, Ga.

C. H. Camp, Reedy, Ga.

J. P. Harrelson, a field in Colleton Association, S. C.

C. H. Hamby, Great Falls, S. C.

Paul Hawkins, Pleasant Hill, Conhatta, Miss.

R. H. Fitzgerald, Union, Rankin county, Miss.

Ivan Lowery, Bucatunna, Miss.

Marvin Gaskin, First, Tankawa, Okla.

Sam Anderson, Lone Oak, Okla.

Resigned

Amos Ledbetter, Leeds, Ala.

A. P. Wells, Memorial, Eight Miles, Ala.

J. C. Hedrick, Dickson, Tenn.

Frank Oglesbee, Fletcher, Tex.

L. O. Holloway, Alma, Tex.

C. E. Vickery, First, Crane, Tex.

L. L. Robel, Magnolia Park, Houston, Tex.

D. R. Stripling, First, Atlanta, Tex.

R. E. Perkins, Hico, Texas.

E. G. Martin, Market Street, Houston, Texas.

L. J. Thompson, Franklin Springs, Franklin, Ky.

Frank Clark, Damascus, Ga.

J. P. Harrelson, Magnolia Heights, Florence, S. C.

J. E. Balderson, Shiloh, Carson, Va.

C. B. Jones, First English, Frostburg, Md.

Ivan Lowery, Pleasant Hill, La.

L. A. Rawles, Trinity, Jacksonville, Fla.

W. L. Rollins, Pleasant Grove, Fla.

Marvin Gaskin, Colgate, Okla.

Robert E. Lee, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Harold B. Fisher, Mobscott, W. Va.

John E. Barnes, First, West Point, Miss.

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BISHOP SCORES ARMY OFFICERS FOR IGNORING CHURCH SERVICES

Memphis, Tenn.—(RNS)—U. S. service men crowd the South's churches, but many higher ranking officers keep away, the Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, bishop of Savannah-Atlanta, told the annual convention of the Catholic Committee of the South here.

"Our churches are crowded as never before," the bishop said. "It is remarkable, as anyone can see who is familiar with army camp activities in the South and throughout the country, how the soldiers are crowding the chapels. The unfortunate part of it is the absenteeism of many of the higher ranking officers who ignore the church services."

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

Student Volunteers to Work on Home Fields

Student volunteers will be employed on mission fields in the South during the summer months by the Home Mission Board. Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary, has announced.

An appropriation of \$20,000 by the Board for this project has made possible the employment of seventy students, he said. Already, according to Dr. Redford, enough applications have been received to fill those places from students of Baptist colleges and seminaries.

Offerings were up 55% in April, compared with April last year, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, reported. Total receipts last month were \$283,296.42, while for the first quarter of this year receipts amounted to \$451,569.84, an increase of \$127,633.21 over the same period last year.

Seven new missionaries have been appointed by the Board, Dr. Lawrence said. These are: Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Reid, Eagle Pass, Texas, Mexican; Rev. John W. McCandless, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Laura J. Formwalt, Boyd's Creek, Tenn., deaf work; Miss Mildred Scarboro, Key West, Spanish; Rev. Gilbert C. Rodriguez, San Angelo, Texas, Mexican; Mrs. Lois Heath, Washington, Jewish work.

In the agency's city mission program, now in operation in twenty-eight Southern cities, Dr. Solomon F. Dowis reported that 4,003 volunteer workers were engaged last month. They conducted 3,949 services, including 14 revivals, with an aggregate attendance of 159,038. Professions totaled 780. Workers distributed 58,536 tracts and 3,623 Scripture portions.

Baptist ministers endorsed for the chaplaincy in April numbered 12 for the army and 10 for the navy, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work. There are now approximately 1,000 Southern Baptist ministers in this service, he said.

Representatives Cover Wide Area in April

The Home Board's general workers filled engagements in April over a wide area from the eastern seaboard to California. A summary of these activities follows:

J. B. Lawrence—Calvary church, Miami, revival; Pascagoula, Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss.

Noble Y. Beall—Ministers institute, Joint Interracial Committee, Euclid Avenue church, Atlanta; First church, Charlotte, N. C.; Bremen Baptist Church, Bremen, Ga.; trustees meetings, Virginia Union University and Shaw University.

Joe W. Burton—First church, Atlanta; Baptist Bible Institute, missionary day; First church, Abilene, Texas; Second church, Little Rock; Bremen Baptist Church, Bremen, Ga.; chapel at Hardin-Simmons University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Southwestern Seminary.

Jacob Gartenhaus—B. B. I. chapel; Broadway and Twenty-third churches, Louisville; First, Taylorsville, Ky.; Augusta Road and Dunbar, Greenville, S. C.; First, South Main,

and Riverview, Houston; Broadway, Fort Worth; First and Hillcrest, Dallas; Broadway, Galveston; First, Orange, Texas.

Miss Wilma Bucy—W. M. U. engagements in Virginia and Washington.

Solomon F. Dowis—Survey of Southern Baptist work in California; conferences on city missions in Phoenix, Dallas, Birmingham, Louisville, Kansas City, Springfield, St. Louis; cities visited, 27; churches visited, 31.

Courts Redford—W. M. U. Convention, Little Rock; Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, revival; Capitol View, Atlanta, conferences on rural work, Louisville, Carbondale, Oklahoma City; Southern Seminary and Training School, chapel; Oklahoma Baptist University, student conferences; Immanuel, Shawnee, Okla.

L. W. Martin—Schools of missions, Dewey, Okla., and vicinity; tour of Indian fields; conferences on schools of missions, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Knoxville, Louisville.

Cuban Baptist Growth Continues

Cuban Baptists are increasing in numbers until now there are only a few churches large enough to entertain the convention, as was seen again in the recent annual meeting held at Sagua. Attendance was good in spite of prevailing conditions. Our reports are encouraging. No new churches were presented to the convention, but more mission stations were reported than in any previous year. Total offerings of our churches were the largest we have had.—Herbert Caudill, missionary at Regla.

"Read Me Something Important"

Daria Lopez, Mexican Missionary "Read us a very important thing," the Mexican people say to me when I open my Bible to read to the Mexican people in their homes here in Harlingen.

"Everything in the Bible is of great importance," I reply, "because it is God's word."

Many of these women are convinced that the Bible tells them the truth. But they say to me that it is hard for them to give up their customs.

"It is very hard for us to destroy our altars," one said to me the other day. "We don't worship them but we can't do without them."

"Be sure that God will punish you for that," I said, "if you go on with your altars."

Then I read to them where God tells about those who worship idols.

"This was our parents' religion," they said, still trying to justify themselves. "And this is what they taught us."

I have to work very hard with these people, so I am always praying to my God for them.

A Boy's Testimony

By Amelia Diaz

Rudy is six years old. In our school he learned Scripture passages by memory.

He invited his brothers to our Sunday school. His parents are Catholics.

But he is a wise boy. Sunday morning he came to church bringing his

Bible. He is the only one from his family that came to church.

One Sunday he told me: "Miss Diaz, I wish you would go and bring mother to church."

"You know that she would like to come," I said to him, "but your father will not let her come."

One thing we are doing for this family is to pray that some day they may come to know our Saviour.

"My Heart Feels Happy"

Wah Kits, an old Wichita Indian woman, member of Rock Springs Baptist Church where Rev. Lewis Hancock is the Home Board's missionary, is reported to have said the following to a friend:

"I no understand English but I love to hear preacher. I know that when preacher stand in pulpit and talk I know that he is talking about Jesus Christ. I know that he got no other reason for standing in pulpit and talking except he talk about Jesus. I pray for him and in my heart way down deep I feel good. I am happy. I pray that all those who hear will soon feel good like my heart."

Indian Children Hear About True God

Our kindergarten for Indian children in Santa Fe is conducted about the same as any other kindergarten, but many of the stories are Bible stories, and character stories.

We learn the children's songs. They like "Jesus Loves Me" best of all. They nearly always call for it first, when I let them make a selection. They also like the motion song, "Oh, Who Can Make a Flower?" I have started teaching them "Into My Heart."

Most of the children come from Catholic homes, and we hope from our school they will get some true ideas of God's love and that they may learn to love Jesus.

One day I was telling them that there are many children who never heard about Jesus and do not know that He loves them, and so they cannot love Him, not knowing anything about Him. One little girl said, "I like Jesus." A little boy chimed in and said, "I do too." They really meant it, too.

One day I told them the story that is given in the last Story Hour Leader about Chan the little Chinese boy. I tried to stress especially the fact that he worshipped that little god up on the shelf that could not hear him, and how he learned about the real God after he went to the mission. These little children here have gods on their shelves, too—Catholic and Indian idols.

They asked to have the story retold two or three different times in days after that. Today when I told it, I took extra time to talk about this god that could not see or hear and how he worshipped it and how happy he was when he learned about the real God that can hear.

They sat there and looked at me and listened to every word. I believe from the expression on their faces most of them were thinking of their own gods that cannot hear them, and were trying to get things straight in

their minds.

In addition to the help it gives the children, our kindergarten opens up the homes of the children to us and gives us an opportunity to get the gospel into them. Through the children we win their friendship. Several of the parents came to our recent Indian Bible Institute.

Tithings Brings Blessings

By Van Earl Hughes

The amount given by the Cameron Mexican Church during the last year was \$107.43. Now, just during the month of March, the total given was \$126.40.

Since several members have started tithing they seem to be getting a greater joy and pride in the Lord's work. Last year we did not have a tither and now nearly every head of a family is tithing, and many of the children.

The Family Altar

By I. B. Williams

The significance of the family altar is still living and real here in the Mexican work in Fort Worth.

I knocked at the door of a Christian home one evening and the father met me, as is the Spanish custom. As I entered there was the mother seated with the two-year-old son in her lap. The other two children of the family, both girls, one eight and the other ten, were kneeling by the chair.

The mother was reading the Lord's Prayer as the baby boy repeated the words as best he could. Then we all joined in prayer.

It has been my happy privilege to baptize both the girls as a result of the example and influence of those parents who believed in the teaching of the Great Commission, "beginning at Jerusalem."

CAPTAIN HARRY BORAH SEES NEED IN AFRICA

In a letter to the editor, Capt. Harry Borah, chaplain, former Mississippi pastor, tells of his pleasure at reading in The Baptist Record of the fine work being done in Mississippi and looks forward to the day he can return to his pastoral work in this state. He writes further regarding the dire need of missions, "In this section of Africa there is no mission work being done except what is carried on by an order of Catholics known as 'The White Fathers.' One of their priests told me, 'It is almost an unheard of thing for an Arab to become a Christian.'"

"These people are living and dying like rats. (That last statement includes more in my mind than I ever dreamed before coming over here.) The right person and the Lord could at least give these people a chance, provided the church members would do what the Lord would have them do. Why cannot Southern Baptists stop talking about pledges and enter an all-out tithing program, asking for offerings in addition to the tithe? I believe the Lord will put up the men if the men will put up the money. . . . Our reward will be short for we have not done much. . . . I have found that if we want God to go all the way with us, we must go all the way with Him. . . . I have expressed something I have been deeply troubled about."

Chaplain Borah's address is now: Headquarters 6733 Ordnance Base Group, A. P. O. 763, % Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

Will Represent Mississippi

Miss Helen McCool of Leland will represent Mississippi in the Better Speakers Tournament at Ridgecrest Saturday, July 22nd, 1944. Miss McCool



won first place in the contest held at the State Training Union Convention in Jackson the last of December. This will be the first time Mississippi has had a representative in this tournament. We know Helen is going to represent us well. We hope she is awarded first place there. In your District Convention this year, are you planning to have a representative in the speakers contest? The winners in the District Convention have the privilege of speaking on our State Training Union Convention program, right after Christmas, and the winner there will represent us in Ridgecrest in 1945. Every Young person should aspire to have one of their members win this honor. This is a high hour in church, association, district convention, state convention, and at the Ridgecrest assembly.

Kreole Training School Yields Converts

During the months of February and March the Kreole Baptist Church (Jackson county) had eleven additions to their church on profession of faith. The Training Union Study Course began on March 27. As a result of this course nine others came and accepted Christ as Savior. In the course there were 12 Juniors, 14 Intermediate and nine Adults who received awards. The church revival was preceded by a week of prayer. A gracious meeting resulted with two accepting the Lord, thus giving 22 on profession of faith this year. The meeting was held April 9-14 with Rev. M. S. Varnado, pastor of Central church, Mobile, doing the preaching. We congratulate this good church and thank the committee of three, Mrs. Amie Bosarge, Mrs. Jim McCool and Mrs. Otis Goff, for the report. Rev. Jewell Golman is the pastor, and Miss Nan Kemp the Training Union director.

"For Pastors Only"

No, This is For Everybody

The conferences held for pastors was a great success. Three pastors'

RECORD-BREAKING SUM CONTRIBUTED TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN 1943

A record-breaking \$63,067,083 was contributed to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1943, according to E. P. Alldredge, secretary of surveys, statistics and information, marking an increase of \$10,819,421 over 1942 giving.

While church finances were scoring "spectacular gains," however, Sunday schools reported a loss of 97,948 members to 3,332,978; the Baptist Training Union, which is the Sunday evening religious activity for young people, dropped 20,778 members to 777,732; and baptisms declined 6,826. In explaining the decreases, Mr. Alldredge's report points out that 75 to 90 per cent of the 471,000 Southern Baptist men and women in the armed forces were Sunday school members.

Fifty-three churches and three associations were added during the year, and 1,325 new ministers were ordained. An estimated valuation of \$248,168,495 is placed on all Southern Baptist real property.

The Woman's Missionary Union notes two trends, a large increase in donations to benevolences, and a small loss of membership attributed to the moving of many families through wartime necessity.

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Pastor J. R. Reedy states they had twenty-one additions to their church during April, fourteen by baptism, and all out of the Sunday school, and seven by letter.

IN MEMORIAM

Standing today in Memory's Hall our thoughts turn backward to last May the 23rd, when in the early hour of evening the soul of our loved one and friend, Lucy Turner Marble, entered her Eternal Home. Death was a release from months of suffering, many anxious hours for the safety of her three sons in the service of their country.

Lucy Marble was a great Christian, a consecrated woman of faith in a great God. From her thirteenth year, she followed faithfully her Lord, and as a teacher of nine-year-old boys, led her own and many other boys to the Christ she loved. She was a scholarly student of the Scriptures, taught many Bible classes in her W. M. U.

She loved her town and its many interests: her many friends deeply and devotedly. To know her intimately was to appreciate her genuine worth. Truly, a good woman, a choice soul, has lived among us.

God's good things never die. She lives on today in the lives of those she knew and blessed. She is not dead, only translated into a higher realm for higher service. We will treasure and honor through the years, her noble life, and pledge to those she loved best, our interest, love and prayers.

"Tis Death is dead, not she
Her soul like a star—
Beacons from the abode
Where the Eternal are."

A devoted sister and
two lifelong friends.
paid.

—BR—

Mistress (hearing a crash from the kitchen): "More dishes, Mary?" Servant: "No, ma'am; less."—Ex.

wives ventured out to see what it was all about. They were welcome and we feel sure they too were helped by the program. The conferences reached 175 pastors, 60 associations and 325 churches. We were highly pleased with the results of these meetings. We appreciate the cooperation on the part of the pastors, and on the part of the host churches. Each church served a splendid dinner for all. The meetings ran on time and only a few of the pastors had to leave any meeting before it was adjourned. Our Training Union and Sunday School work will be better because of these conferences. The associations represented by some pastor or pastors were—Monroe, Panola, Lafayette, Tippah, Chickasaw, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Calhoun, Lee, Union County, Marshall, Tallahatchie, Zion, Alcorn, Oktibbeha, Noxubee, Choctaw, Neshoba, Winston, Attala, Newton, Leake, Montgomery, Clay, Holmes, Wayne, Clarke, Covington, Smith, Jackson, George, Lebanon, Green, Marion Simpson, Jeff Davis, Scott, Pearl River, Perry, Jones, Jasper, Gulf Coast, Mt. Pisgah, Pike, Hinds-Warren, Copiah, Walthall, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Madison, Adams-Franklin, Sunflower, Deer Creek, Leflore, Yazoo, Riverside, Tallahatchie, Grenada, Bolivar.

Rev. F. G. Welborn, recently moved from Neshoba county to George county, has been elected associational director of George Association. He was the successful director of Neshoba Association, among the best in the Convention, and George Association is fortunate in having him lead in this work there. George will be on the standard list before you know it.

June comes and with it a special effort to clear Mississippi Baptists of all bonded Convention indebtedness. Will you, Mr. Director, and you, leader of the individual union, lead in securing an offering from every member of the union? It's going to be done, so why not enjoy having a part in it? If you do not understand the plan, ask your pastor.

East McComb Training Union led in number of awards issued in the recent associational wide study course. They were happy in that 42 Adults, 14 Young People, 44 Intermediates, and 39 Juniors qualified for awards. They also had their Story Hour members in the course, 15 of them. Brother H. P. Porter, co-pastor, and A. A. Scarborough, director, have the right to say, "We have the best union in the world." The union also has a right to claim "top" leadership.

This is an appeal! In the Training Union Magazine we want to run a list of all churches that, on January 1st did not have a Training Union, but who have since January organized. If your church is one of these, please do us the kindness to drop us a card giving the name of the church and list of leaders of the Union. THANKS.

Visit The Prisoner of War Camps

Dr. Wm. B. Lippard, editor of Missions recently made a tour of many of our Prisoner of War Camps—two in Mississippi. (The editor of The Record was with him at one of these camps.) He has given us a vivid pen picture of these visits in a series of articles in Missions (Northern Baptist Magazine).

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That Vacation School

There is yet plenty of time to plan for that Vacation Bible school but it is time to begin the planning so that the best school can be had. May, June, July and August are the months for Vacation schools and the first of these months is now almost gone.

Let's not fail our boys and girls this summer by not having a school for them. Books and literature may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. A package of free literature will be gladly sent on request to the Sunday School Department.

100 Percenters

We are always glad to have 100%ers. Last year we had two: Lauderdale and George Associations in Vacation Bible schools. This year we have several whose goals for the year is 100%. We now know of these: George in Vacation Bible schools and study courses; Lauderdale in Vacation Bible schools; Sunflower in both Vacation Bible schools and Sunday school study courses, and Deer Creek in Vacation Bible schools.

Let the 100% Club increase! We are for it! Who else will join? Send us the names of other associations whose goal this year is 100% in any phase of the work.

June and Victory

And don't forget that June is getting close by and with it the time for victory in paying the balance of our Mississippi Baptist debts. We want the Sunday schools of the state to do a most worthy part in helping all churches swell this offering in June for the Now Club so that we will have all our debts behind us and then we can look forward to larger things for Christ's cause. June—Victory!

Pastors' Conferences

During the week of May 1-5 the Sunday school and Training Union departments, with the cooperation of the Sunday School Board, held five conferences for pastors only at Pontotoc, Ackerman, Laurel, Brookhaven and Indianola.

These were attended by 175 pastors representing about 325 churches. The spirit was unusually fine, with many pastors saying these were some of the most helpful meetings they ever attended. The aim was to aid in the promotion of better Sunday schools, Training Unions and Vacation Bible schools.

Brethren Barnette and Hudson from Nashville and McCall from Jackson rendered most excellent service, and for which we are most grateful. Dr. T. L. Holcomb was with us at Pontotoc.

Host Pastors Cook, Hardin, Gates, Sullivan and Price, together with their people, were most courteous and kind, giving every aid possible for the success of the meetings.

From the many expressions that have come to us we feel encouraged that these five meetings will prove most helpful in the work of the year. Surely, we sincerely hope that every effort put forth will make a good contribution to the cause of our Lord.

Service Every Sunday

Recently the Sunday School Board has mailed to every pastor and superintendent of part time churches a leaflet giving suggestions for services every Sunday. Sunday school, a worship service of songs, prayers, scriptures, a church offering, a gospel message by some member of the church, and an invitation for people to confess Christ and join the church in every church every Sunday morning will greatly strengthen the 15,000 churches without preaching every Sunday.

If you did not get your leaflet, write us and we will send you one.

We Are Grateful

From a recent report from Nashville on standard schools, departments, and classes we find that Mississippi stands as follows among the states of the South:

Third in schools; tied for second in Extension departments; third in Extension department groups; tied for first in Adult departments; second in Adult classes; first in Young People's departments; tied for fourth in Young People's classes; fourth in Intermediate departments; fifth in intermediate classes; second in Junior classes; tied for third in Primary departments; tied for fourth in Beginner departments.

How very grateful we are to all these fine pastors, superintendents, department superintendents, teachers and their fellow-helpers for this most excellent leadership directed toward the worthy goals represented by the standard!

Remember, standard units are better!

Did You Get It?

Did you get your principal's package for your Vacation Bible school? Well, you may have one by writing Dr. H. L. Grice, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. This package must be ordered from the Nashville office this year. All other materials can be secured from the Jackson Book Store.

As usual, F. G. Wilborn, pastor of Rocky Creek church and Luce Mission, is doing things. We are in receipt of a neatly printed bulletin concerning the activities of this church. Total receipts for the month of April were \$301.27.

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DR. TRUETT'S PLEA

From his sick bed, Dr. Geo. W. Truett sent the following plea to his people. It is good for us and for all God's people:

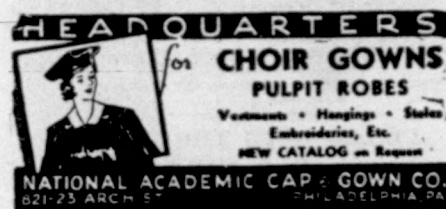
"My heart constrains me to beg every Christian who hears these words from the pastor, to make today a definite, positive, glorious reconsecration to Christ and His cause. Let the neglecting Christians put away all neglect today. If such are not members of the church, let them come out humbly and bravely on the side of Christ, by taking their places in the church, by letter, by statement or upon the public profession of faith in Christ as their personal Savior. With all my heart I press this duty upon parents, and upon the eager, happy young people, and indeed upon all of every age and condition, who must soon render his or her personal account to our gracious Savior and Lord."

DEACONS RECOMMEND \$1,000 GOAL.

Laurel First Baptist Church, already among the top churches in offerings will have as their goal \$1,000 in the special June offering toward paying state debts, if they accept their deacons' recommendation on the matter. Harry Smallwood, layman and Brotherhood worker, writes, "We are listing all the Jones county churches and will try to get an expression from them and their pastors regarding their aims for the June roundup."

—BR—

The First church at New Albany has purchased the property at the rear of the church to provide for needed expansion.



YOUNG PEOPLE DID IT!

A Sunday School Class recently sent a list of subscribers for one month. After the church tried it, they took over the idea and sent in a list.

Start the idea of having your church secure a month's trial for The Baptist Record for Every Family. It only costs 8 1/3 cents per family per month. Some individual layman or some Training Union might take up an offering and give their church a chance to see how they would like to have their state paper come every week.

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(Continued from Page One)

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FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT B. B. Hall

The spirit of the Father, the spirit of the Holy Ghost and the spirit of Christ are identical; and believers must be possessed with this same spirit "for he that hath not the spirit of Christ is none of His." When believers are filled with this spirit good works and the fruits of the spirit are inevitable. But many Christians possess this spirit in a very limited degree and the world sees but little of Jesus in them.

The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to regenerate the sinner; He also uses the gospel to possess the believers with the spirit of Christ. Men must either hear the gospel by word of mouth or see it in living example before the Holy Spirit can regenerate them and fill them with the Spirit of Christ. Let men walk daily with Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem; let them see His works of unselfish love and His willingness to suffer unto death for the redemption of mankind; let them do this frequently enough and long enough and they will catch His spirit and become possessed of it and their power to overcome evil and to win others to Christ will be outstanding. To the extent men are filled with the spirit of Christ their works will be many or few and they will reflect the glory of Jesus dimly or brightly. And all believers may be filled with the Spirit. God does not give this spirit to a few special friends upon special occasions but to all believers upon equal terms: He did not intend that the fulness of the spirit should be an extraordinary thing but the common lot of all believers. And He gives it in such a simple way that the most underprivileged or the blackest negro may have no difficulty with being filled with the spirit of Christ.

The more and the longer we walk with Christ in the New Testament the more fully shall we be filled with the spirit of Christ. We can be filled in no other way; but with certainty we can be filled in this way. We may pray until we are desperate and still not be filled with this spirit; but we cannot remain empty if we walk with Him in the New Testament long enough, nor can we become again empty if we continue to walk with Him.

If we want to be filled with this spirit so we can perform startling



G. LEE MCINTYRE

G. LEE MCINTYRE ACCEPTS BROOKSVILLE CHURCH

G. Lee McIntyre, Brooksville's new pastor, has arrived on the field and declares he is pleased with the prospects of the work, and sees a great opportunity for service. The Brooksville pastor is a native of North Carolina, and is a graduate of Mars Hill College. Until he entered the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, he resided in Kannapolis, N. C. His wife was Miss Vivian Parker of Kannapolis. He graduated at Baptist Bible Institute this year with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. While studying he served as pastor of Louisiana churches and did practical mission work. A young son, Ronald, two years old, is the only child in the family. Regarding his alliance with the work in Mississippi, Pastor McIntyre says: "I am happy to become an adopted son of Mississippi. I have already experienced some fine fellowship among the preachers. Realizing that the success of my ministry as a whole depends on cooperation, I enter Mississippi asking cooperation from, and offering it to the Baptists of the state, to the State Convention, and to The Baptist Record. We are greatly delighted with Brooksville."

Mississippi Baptists join the church in extending the new pastor a cordial welcome.

works and spiritual miracles we must remember that the day of miracles is past. We must also remember that miracles in the days of Jesus did not convert sinners from sin but only made them wonder. After three years of the greatest miracles man ever saw only one hundred and twenty were at His ascension.

Being filled with the spirit of Christ will make us as efficient as we are capable of being but it will not make the one talent man as efficient as the ten talent man who is also filled with the spirit of Christ. In times of great emergency God always raises up men to meet the occasion; but usually He enables the one talent man to do the work of the one talent man efficiently and nothing more. Let us stop expecting miraculous power to do some startling things and settle down with sleeves rolled up, and with humble spirits and hearts aflame and get on the job and stay on the job and God will bless us in His own way. Remember that there is something badly wrong with the church that must be kept alive with high-pressure methods—the members certainly are not possessed with the spirit of Christ.



VAN H. HARDEN

ACKERMAN PASTOR GOES TO ROLLING FORK

Van H. Harden, who for almost four years has been pastor at Ackerman has accepted the call of the Rolling Fork church and assumed the duties as pastor there on May 15. Regarding his stay with the good church at Ackerman, he had the following to say:

"We are now in our fourth year and the work has been most pleasant. Our gifts in the budget to outside causes have been increased one hundred percent and a fund, which is continually growing, has been set aside for the building of a new parsonage when conditions will permit. The auditorium has been renovated and a new lighting system installed. Attendance in Sunday school, Training Union, and worship services has been gratifying despite war time conditions. Our church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Much progress has been made in the work of the young people, especially in the splendid work of the young people's choir, and in the auxiliaries of the W. M. U."

SOLDIER'S PRAYER STOPS A PARTY

The Associated Press relates the experience of 7 reporters and 7 soldiers who sat down to their first Thanksgiving dinner in Italy with hilarious chatter. Turkey was being served! Then they looked in front of their plates and let out joyously profane yells.

Somehow one of the soldiers had managed to get a prized bottle of Scotch—one jigger to each man.

They raised their glasses high in a toast to the man who got it.

Pilot Suggests Grace

Suddenly a boyish voice broke thru the noise. It was the 22-year-old veteran pilot at the foot of the table.

"Gentlemen," he said, "since this is Thanksgiving, I would like to say grace."

There was an embarrassed silence. The men shifted their feet. One man looked at the glass in his hand and slowly lowered it to the table. A reporter who was reaching for a radish froze with his hand still out-stretched. The chaplain, who was host, broke the stillness.

"Yes, lieutenant," he said, "I think that's a fine idea."

Slowly, haltingly, the boy began to pray:

Prays For Enemies

"Dear God"—and the words came hard as tho he pulled each one out of his throat—"we thank you for we know where are about to eat . . . for we



(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. What Bible character made his wife pass for his sister, in order to save his life? It is mentioned on two occasions.

2. There are two different "farthings" mentioned in the Bible. Each has a different name, and a different value. What do you know about these two coins?

3. Jerusalem was not always referred to by that name, but was often called by an abbreviated name. Do you know what it was called?

4. Continued analysis of Old Testament books 6 to 10, known as the "Historic Books." (To be continued in next week's issue.)

know where there are thousands of men who cannot sit down to a meal like this today . . . The minds of the men around the table flashed to the cold and muddy front a few miles away.

"Bless all our loved ones at home" . . . No one needed to be told where the minds in those bowed heads now had traveled.

"Dear God, bless all the fighting men on all the fronts around the world—on both sides, because they all are fighting for what they believe is right." . . . His next few words were lost as the impact of that phrase—"on both sides"—struck home. Their enemy was grimly real and close each day—an enemy who had after tried to kill the praying pilot.

When he ended with the words, "We ask these things in Christ's name," a muted, husky chorus of "Amen" came from the now unembarrassed men around the table.

Kid's Drink Untouched

Later, after he left, the remaining men looked at one another.

"I never saw that happen before," said one man who had gone thru three campaigns.

"Me either," said a reporter who had covered the war on fronts all around the world, then he added, "but it was the real McCoy."

Then some one noted the kid's jigger of Scotch still sitting on the table.

Not every Christian would have had the courage of this 22-year-old pilot, but we can testify that even the silent bowing of the head over one's food at a lunch counter or in a restaurant has more than once stopped ribald jesting and led to unexpected results.

The Psalmist was right when he said: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" (Psalm 92:1).

"Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). —NOW.

The Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, has been badly damaged by bombardment. Most of the twenty Baptist churches in Berlin and vicinity have been hit. And the Baptist Publishing House in Kassel, in western Germany, has been destroyed. (Editor's Note: A student of this seminary was drafted by the Nazis and is now a prisoner of war at the Clinton Miss., prisoner of war camp.)

Promoter: "There are two sides to every question." Prospect: "Yes, and there are two sides to a sheet of fly paper—but it makes a lot of difference to the fly which side he investigates."—Ex.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For May 21

PAUL IN CORINTH

Acts 18:1-18; I Corinthians 12-14;
I Corinthians 13

Corinth. It stands an everlasting example of two opposite things: what the malevolence of the devil can spoil and what the grace of God can save. It stood at the southern end of a narrow isthmus which connected the Peloponessus to the mainland of Greece, and enjoyed unique advantages alike for commerce and defense. It became the emporium where eastern trade met western, the home of merchant princes, a city adorned with temples and filled with the art treasures of the world. It traded in these latter, some of which were manufactured there, notable among which was the world-famed Corinthian brass and the equally famous Corinthian pottery. But wealth brought with it luxury and luxury led in sin. "To live like a Corinthian" became a phrase which described a life completely abandoned to the abysmal depths of profligacy, utter devotion to immorality. Corinthian Aphrodite was the city's heathen goddess, whose temple was the home of a thousand priestesses who sold their bodies to men who were taught to consider the practice of sexual impurity as a course of religious service. This is the city that the devil had made of Corinth when Paul came to it with the gospel. What hope was there that any man would hide in this mass of corruption a force that would generate within it a wholesome life?

I. Departure and Arrival.

"After these things he departed from Athens and came to Corinth" (Acts 18:1). Didn't stay long in Athens; didn't do much at the time of his stay there. But Luke devotes a much larger number of words to his account of what Paul said in Athens than he does to what he said in Corinth; because in Athens Paul was measuring wits with the most intellectual men in the world, and was for ages giving the world of culture the Christian conception of God.

In Corinth Paul formed the acquaintance of Aquila and his wife Priscilla. They had left Rome because of a decree of the emperor banishing all Jews from the city, and were now in Corinth, plying their trade there. They were tentmakers, so was Paul, hence, it is in line with what might be expected that they came together, Paul working, likely, as a partner in the business. So tent-making was Paul's avocation. When he was situated, as here in Corinth, so that he could not live off the gospel, he could earn his living with his hand and be free to preach where and when he could find time. In the beginning he "Reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks." Greek proselytes to the Jewish religion were here, and they came to the synagogue with the Jews, of course, and here Paul found his earliest and greatest opportunity in Corinth. What happened? Same thing. Jews got mad and opposed Paul, cursed and blasphemed Christ, and forced Paul to cease teaching in the synagogue.

II. Rejection and Reception, Recog-

niton. Acts 18:5-11.

1. The Jews rejected Paul and Christ, rejected Paul's witness to Christ, and would have none of it. Why? Wouldn't you love to know? The Jews were God's chosen people, or take it out of the past tense, the Jews are God's chosen people. They have Moses and the prophets, have had them all the time; why, then, this everlasting, ever recurrent opposition to all that He is, and all of it in the light of what the prophets have written? Could it be that they were chosen by the Lord to perform a function in history and that, having performed it, they were through. Or is it that they were chosen to do certain things at different times in God's great time; that they did one thing, and then waited the fullness of time to do another of their appointed tasks, the bringing of the Savior to birth, and having done that, they must wait till the God of their fathers is ready for them to perform another function, which, with God's help, they will perform? At Corinth they judged themselves, and the judgment they rendered against themselves was that they were unworthy of eternal life. With a solemn declaration of this fact, Paul turns from them and leaves them with the blood on their own heads.

2. Reception. The Gentiles received the messenger of the Christ. Hard by the synagogue stood the house of Titus Justus, a house by physical measurement very near, but by spiritual meters far removed from the synagogue. How close men may be together, and yet how distantly removed in all the things that matter most! So Paul, leaving the synagogue, went to the dwelling. Should he have stayed in the synagogue longer than he did? Should he have left so soon? There was Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue who would believe. Ought he to be run away from? How long ought Paul to stay in any hostile field? How long ought any preacher to remain on a field where hostile forces oppose? Am I straining the text in raising this question? All right, then, let's strain it just a little. Ought Christ's witness to move as soon as he is invited to a field where there is less opposition than he is at any present moment encountering?

But it was in the welcoming house that was wrought the miracle of grace by which Crispus was saved, and many others who, hearing, believed and were baptized. And this success of Paul threw the fat in the fire of Jewish wrath, yes, poured high test gasoline on it. The Jews were not going to allow Paul to go unscathed after having won to his heresy the ruler of their synagogue. 3. Recognition. "The Lord said." That's the way it is. The Jews said a lot of words against Christ Jesus and Paul, and they began plotting a lot of things. Then "the Lord said." He said it when Paul had need; of this we may be very sure. Paul had met opposition ever since he had landed in Europe and now, after many months, he was tired, depressed, maybe a little discouraged, and needed a word of comfort from the Lord Himself, and the Lord gave it. "Fear not, Paul." "Fear not, I am with thee, Oh be not dismayed. For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll comfort thee, keep thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand." Paul needed that. Then the Lord gives Paul some reasons he should stay and

speak out. 1. I am with thee. 2. Therefore no man shall hurt thee. 3. I have many people in this city. What? Here, Lord, here in this sink of iniquity, this unspeakably wicked city? Yes! Here there are many people of the Lord, and you are set to call them out.

III. Concerning Spiritual Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12-14.)

Read these chapters. Here Paul gets discussing spiritual gifts. Factions had arisen in the church, and sin had invaded the temple of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Lord in Corinth was in a critical condition and the epistle was written to condition. Chapters 12 and 14 are discussions of spiritual gifts, special bestowments of the Spirit, given for special ministries in the church.

Just what the speaking with tongues is I do not feel able to say. It seems to have been the product of a state of exaltation in which the rapture of a Christian was expressed in exuberant utterance unintelligible to the by-stander. Paul says here that it is a matter between the speaker and God. God will understand the exultant expressions of the speaker, but no one else will, unless the words be interpreted. The speaking in unknown tongues edifies the speaker, but no one else.

To me, Paul's whole argument in these chapters amounts to this: You will do best to cultivate the gifts of the spirit which most certainly build up the church. Learn from the Lord what your peculiar gift is, and then consider it your special province under the Lord to practice that gift for the glory of the Lord. Beulah White of Summit can sing the gospel as no other golden-throated contralto in the state. Let her sing. Charles Pate Gunter of Marks can direct a choir as no one else I have ever labored with. Let him direct. Percy Ray of Myrtle can build village churches as no one else I know. Let Percy build to the glory of God. A. K. Godbold of Calvary, Jackson, can plan and push a church financial program as few men I have met. Let Godbold plan. Secretary McCall can make Baptists wanna pay their debts. Let McCall make them wanna.

IV. The Great and All-Inclusive Gift.

(I Corinthians 13.)

Greatest gift of them all. Did you read the chapter? Well, you would do well to memorize it. Then you might think it through. Then you

might read a few of the thousands of fine things that have been written about it. But all this will go for little if you do not practice it. Many years ago I taught a country boy who had the most beautiful and thrilling speaking voice to which I have ever listened. He threw that voice away. I know a young man who as a youth was of peculiar charm of personality. He drowned his fine gift in a whiskey bottle. Practice your gift, and God will increase it. Practice the grace of love and God will make it grow. This grace of Christian love will adorn and bless all other gifts. Without it, no other gift is of any worth to speak of.



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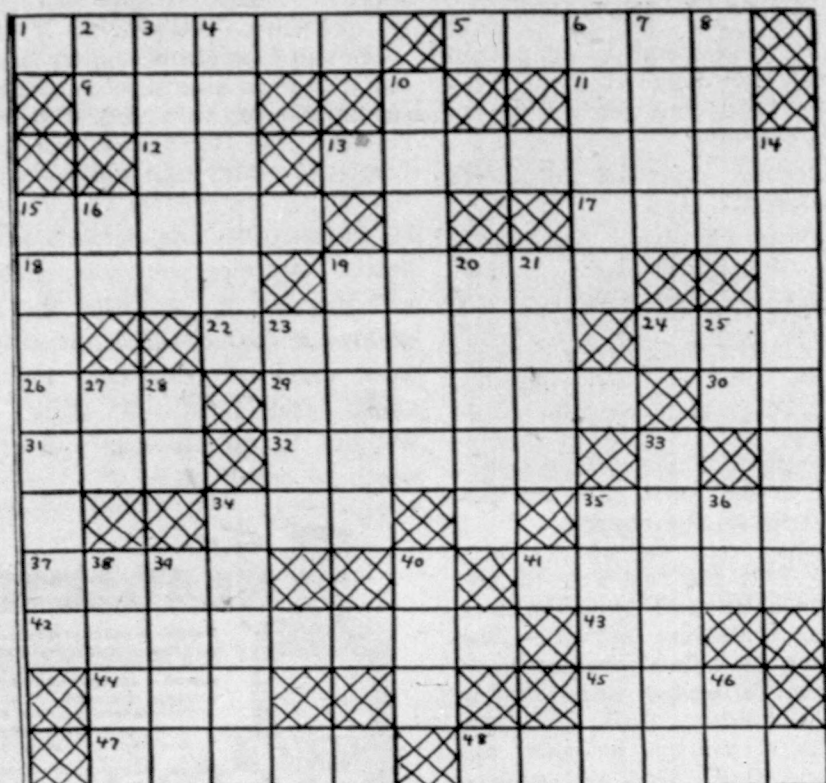
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"All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them."—Gen. 49:28.

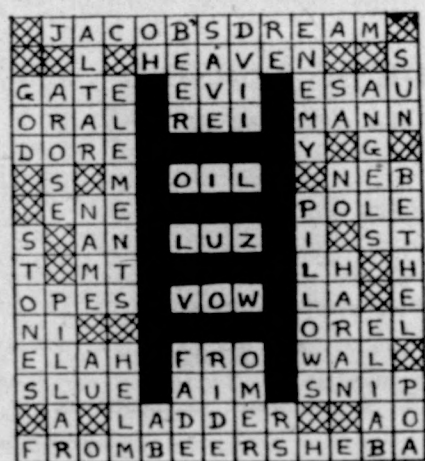
ACROSS

- 1 "... is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well."
- 5 "... thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise."
- 9 "... shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel."
- 11 Epoch.
- 12 Size of shot.
- 13 "... shall ravine as a wolf."
- 15 Approaches.
- 17 Stringed instrument.
- 18 Prophetess who gave thanks when Christ was presented in the temple. She was of the tribe of 47 across.
- 19 "I do ... today and tomorrow."
- 22 Absalom ... his hair once a year.
- 24 "was rent in twain, from the ... to the bottom."
- 26 Son of Noah.
- 29 "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel" was said of ...
- 30 Cry of surprise.
- 31 "fire shall ... every man's work of what sort it is."
- 32 Worker on chairs.
- 34 Pale.
- 35 "Simeon and ... are brethren, I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel."
- 37 Asiatic sardine.
- 41 "lay down our ..." I John 3:16.
- 42 "... is a strong ass couching down between two burdens."
- 43 Direction.
- 44 "a city that is ... on a hill cannot be hid."
- 45 Vessel.
- 47 "Out of ... his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties."
- 48 The same blessing was given to both ... and Levi.

DOWN

- 2 Alleged force.
- 3 "Get thee behind me, ..."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



- 4 Insnare.
- 6 "and three tenth ... of fine flour," Lev. 14:10.
- 7 "terrible as an ... with banners."
- 8 "his raiment of camel's ..."
- 10 "... shall dwell at the haven of the sea."
- 14 Paul visited ... Acts 16:11.
- 15 "... is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words."
- 16 Measure.
- 19 "He that hath ... hands."
- 20 "... against the king."
- 21 A city of Judah, Josh. 15:21.
- 23 The killer whales.
- 25 Exclamation.
- 27 A chief place of Moab, Num. 21:28.
- 28 Pronoun.
- 33 Some of these blessings seem ...
- 34 "Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their ... for it was cruel," Gen. 49:7.
- 35 Flax.
- 36 Brother of Odin (Norse myth).
- 38 Mountain of Greece.
- 39 Employs.
- 40 "... a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last."
- 46 City of Egypt, Jer. 46:25.

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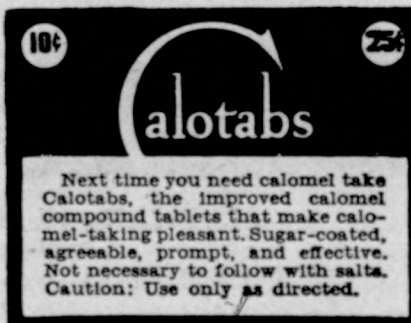
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After the Now Club offering in June the volume of receipts will increase.

Many churches are giving the amounts asked of them from their treasuries.

The Christian home is the best preventive of juvenile delinquency.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS



J. E. MOAKS, JR.
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
GETS LETTER

J. E. Moaks, Jr. S2/c writes to his home church and pastor, Lewis Rhodes, from the navy, and gives some points worth observing as a Christian sailor's views. Some parts of his letter are printed below:

"First, let me say that without the year I've spent in the Mt. Pleasant community Christ would never have meant the things to me that He has thus far. I'm thankful to God that I was permitted to be born in such a fine community.

"Of the nine months I have been in the navy almost seven of them have been spent overseas, and without the companionship of Christ would have been demoralizing in every respect. Until this date I can rightly say that I have refrained from those things of the world with the help of Christ. But with regret I must say that a big percentage of the men and boys in the service of our country are going the way of the world, and heedlessly putting Christ aside. The reason this prevails is that there is only one thought, that is, destroying the enemy, never thinking of the great disaster that sin leaves throughout the world, and will continue to leave as long as these conditions remain in the thoughts and minds of the people of the world. This is a thing that needs prayer, thought and concern on the part of all Christian people everywhere.

"Being in the navy is a handicap in several ways toward the furtherance of Christ in my life, but it also affords many opportunities in showing others the way of Christ and the joy derived in the fellowship with Him. I regret deeply that my imperfect religious knowledge prevents me from spreading the gospel of our Saviour to others as I would.

"During my time in the service I've spent none of it in actual combat and really don't know the horrors of war except from hearsay. For the fellows that have witnessed the hardships of this war from our good community I sincerely hope they carried Christ along with them. . . . I am missing the fellowship of you people of the Mt. Pleasant community and of our good pastor, and long for my return to you."

We again repeat that we cannot use unsigned articles. We have a letter today from Newton, Miss., telling us about some students who attended the BSU retreat at State College. As the article is unsigned we will be unable to use it.

"RED" FRANKS MEMORIAL ANNOUNCED AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY GRADUATION

The 1944 graduating class of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, commencement exercises for which were held Friday morning, May 5, at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, has announced the creation of a student loan fund for the seminary. The fund will be a memorial to a classmate who left the seminary to enlist in the Air Corps, and who lost his life last summer in the bombing of the Rumanian oil fields—Jesse D. (Red) Franks, Jr., son of Dr. Jesse D. Franks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

The annual graduation exercises of the seminary opened Wednesday night, May 3, with the baccalaureate address by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, pastor of the Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Doctor Nordenhaug, a native of Norway, gave up a career as a scientist in his homeland to come to America several years ago to prepare for the ministry. He has the Th.M. and Ph.D. degree from Southern Seminary.

The monthly observance of Missionary Day, with an address by Dr. Hugh D. Pickett, Parkersburg, W. Va., executive secretary of the West Virginia State Mission Board, also a graduate of the Seminary, was the highlight of the second day.

Dr. J. R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., spoke on "Building a Better World."

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, charged the 126 ministers comprising the graduating class to "face your task in the present world crisis with an unwavering conviction that the gospel is the only power known to man or God which is sufficient to set the human race in the path of truth, prosperity, and security."

Taking the place of the usual alumni meeting was a breakfast held Friday morning in Mullins Hall, with the faculty, graduates, and visiting friends as guests of the seminary. Speakers included Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Dr. H. W. Tribble, and President Fuller, and Primitivo Delgado Perez, of Cuba, class president.

The 37th annual commencement of Woman's Missionary Union Training School was held Thursday evening, May 4, in Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial chapel, with Miss Inabelle Coleman, returned missionary to China, as speaker.

"Unless we yearn to win souls to Christ and to share with people everywhere the message of the power of God in control of life, we have no place worthwhile in the post-war days in China," said Miss Coleman, former journalism teacher at the University of Shanghai, who returned to the United States last December on the Gripsholm. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal, awarded degrees to a class of 46.

Word has come to us of a mother who lost a son in the war with Japan, she made a special offering of \$1,500 for Foreign Missions and designated that it be spent on sending the gospel to Japan. If this, and hundreds more like it had been spent this way 25 years ago, the probability is we would not now be in war with Japan.

MUST GO DELTA STATE OFFERS YOUTH LEADERS' COURSE TO PUBLIC

President W. M. Kethley is offering an opportunity for workers among youth groups to get exceptional advantages at Cleveland this summer. We quote from a letter giving the details:

"Each summer the Delta State College devotes emphasis to work in Narcotics Education under the direction of Winnie Buckels, whose service is well known in the State Department of Education. The character and quality of Miss Buckels' service is of such importance that the college is planning to open the class to any who wish to attend this clinic. We have had requests for admission of lay workers, Sunday school teachers, and other Christian workers and citizens. The cost for a delegate to attend the nine days is \$25.00 including room, meals, and college fees. Each should bring linen and a pillow. A dormitory will be set aside for the use of delegates. All library facilities will be available, and the opportunity will be given for recreation, spiritual inspiration and information about one of America's gravest problems, juvenile delinquency."

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BLUE MOUNTAIN ANNOUNCES LITERARY CONTEST AWARDS

Winners in the 1944 literary contest sponsored by the Blue Mountain College Scribblers were announced today by Dr. Ernest H. Cox, dean of the college.

Bradford Keene, Pensacola, Fla., won the A. T. Robertson Religious Essay prize with "About the Feet of God." The Edgar Allen Poe Short Story prize was won by Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain, with "His First Letter."

Sue Benson, Mobile, Ala., used "The Gentle Things" to win the Stark Young Secular Essay prize. The John Gould Fletcher Poetry prize was won by Dorothy Harris, Memphis, Tenn., with "Summer Storm."

Judges were Prof. B. F. Farrar of the University of Tennessee; Rev. A. B. Pierce, New Albany; Perrin H. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Prof. W. H. Vann, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas.

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VICKSBURG PASTOR GETS STUCK

The Rev. Dr. D. Swan Haworth, former pastor of Louisville's Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg, Miss., journeyed to Knoxville recently to visit his folks and had in his suitcase a small pail of cane syrup for them. The lid coming off the pail en route, Dr. Haworth was stuck in Knoxville with sticky apparel. Whereupon he said, "Thy will be done," or words to that effect, and delayed resuming his travels, including a visit to Louisville, until unstuck.

One of the first persons to greet Dr. Haworth when he assumed his Vicksburg pastorate was a reporter who interviewed him at some length. "When the reporter was through," Dr. Haworth said, "I interviewed him about his church affiliation, etc. I found he didn't attend any church and invited him to ours. The next day his article about me appeared in the paper. The following day I welcomed him into the fellowship of our church."—Sol Schulman in Courier-Journal of April 9.

Answers To
Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

1. (Made his wife pass for sister): Abram was the man, and Saria was his wife, who agreed to pass as his sister. See Genesis 12:13 and 20:2.

2. (Two different farthings): Matthew 5:26 was worth 3/8 to 5/8 of a cent, while in Matthew 10:29 this coin was valued at about one cent and a half, difference being one of Greek, and one of Roman coinage.

3. (Not always called Jerusalem): During the reign of King Melchizedek, who was known as the "king of Salem," was used as an abbreviation of Jerusalem. Note the last five letters bring out the name.

4. (Analysis of Old Testament, Books 6 to 10): (No. 6), Joshua—Conquest of Canaan, and the separation of the tribes. (No. 7), Judges—The history of Israel under administration of thirteen judges. (No. 8), Ruth—An idyl of Jewish life in the period of the Judges. (No. 9), Samuel—Establishment of the kingdom under Saul and David. (No. 10), Kings—Political history of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. (Continued in next week's issue.)

SOUTH PACIFIC CHAPLAINS CONFER

American Base South Pacific—"To strengthen and develop their spiritual lives and to prepare for a more effective ministry to our armed forces" fifteen U. S. Army chaplains of the Protestant faith met here at the direction of Maj. Gen. C. F. Thompson, base commanding general.

The conference which was coordinated by Chaplain Charles Leel of San Antonio, Texas, chairman, and Chaplain Richard R. Potter of Atlanta, secretary, included lectures by chaplains as follows:

"Christianity in the South Pacific Islands," by the Rev. C. W. Whonsborn-Aston, local vicar of the Anglican church and a guest of the chaplains; "Christianity in the Americas," by Chaplain John M. Hughes of Spencer, Indiana; a forum, "Christianity in the Postwar World," conducted by Chaplain Charles P. Highsmith of Springfield, Tennessee; "The Chaplain in Combat," by Chaplain Leel; "The Chaplain to Colored Troops," by Chaplain Joseph E. Robinson, Negro, of Houston, Texas; "The Chaplain's Message," by Chaplain Potter; a forum, "Practical Aids for Chaplains," by Chaplain Albert F. Click of Greenville, Texas.

Evening devotions were led by Chaplain Paul Ferguson of Telluride, Colorado, and Chaplains E. V. Flowers of Brownwood, Texas; Joseph T. Riley, Baltimore, Maryland, and Virgil N. Moore of Lamar, South Carolina. Inspirational sermons were by Chaplains John Shade Franklin, Boston, and Joe H. Miller, Henderson, Texas.

The chaplains held their meetings in the Methodist and Anglican churches and visited the Roman Catholic Mission here. Chaplain Potter presided the first day of the conference and Chaplain Leel the second.

High point of the four-day conference was the conducting of the Holy Communion with a native minister participating. Eleven denominations were represented.

"Over-the-top in the Now Club" is the rating which belongs to the Lyon church, according to Pastor A. Estus Mason. He forwarded a check for \$280.75 which was applied on the Lyon church Now Club gifts. "We are anxious for the day to arrive when we shall be out of debt," said Pastor Mason. (Editor's Note: It is when churches are as anxious as \$280.75 worth that Mississippi will get out of debt.)

Although the Ashland church has already exceeded its quota in the Now Club they are "going the second mile" and are asking for envelopes to be used in the special June offering. Marvin Gresham, treasurer of the Ashland church, is sharing in the efforts to put Benton county above its quota.

At Bucatunna church the new pastor, Ivan Lowry, is appreciated by the membership. Plans have been made for a Vacation Bible school the third week in June. The church also plans to send The Baptist Record to all the service men from the church. A committee has been named to make recommendations for building a pastor's home. Monthly business meetings are being held and pastor and people plan a full and busy year.—Mrs. J. R. Cope-land.

Numbers of additions both by baptism and by letter have been received from the Macedonia church in Lincoln county in recent weeks. A Vacation Bible school will be held early in July. The new pastor, A. W. Talbert, has been asked to do the preaching in the revival the third week in July. He is finding a splendid spirit of friendliness and cooperation in the church and predicts growing efficiency and enlargement.

Word has come from Russia that the two groups of baptized believers known as Baptists and Evangelical Christians now have a joint committee in which they co-operate. The Soviet government now permits these two groups to maintain an organization and to communicate with each other and with the Baptists in the outside world. They expect to hold an all-Russian convention after the war in which it is hoped these two bodies will unite in one union.

Mrs. L. B. Daniel, of New Bern, was recently elected president of the local P.-T. A. Her little daughter, Temple, was delighted when she heard this, "because," she said, "all the teachers like the president of the P.-T. A."—Mrs. J. S. Farmer in Biblical Recorder.

Through chaplains in the Allied armies in Southern Italy news has come from the Italian Baptist churches. There are sixteen Baptist churches and twelve pastors in Sardinia, Sicily, and the part of Italy freed from Axis control. One church has been badly damaged.

The Baptists of Canada are taking steps to unify their work. There are three Baptist conventions in Canada. The churches of the Maritime Provinces work together in the United Baptist Convention; those in the middle of the country are organized into the Convention of Ontario and Quebec; Baptists in the west co-operate in the Union of Western Canada. On account of the great distances it has been difficult to hold a meeting of all the churches. However, plans are nearly complete for a union of these three conventions. Each convention will continue to exist but there will be one board of strategy. An all-Canadian convention will be held every two or three years.

SALEM GOES TO HALF TIME

Salem church, Hillsboro, has voted to have half time preaching instead of quarter time, and Pastor A. A. Jackson is rejoicing over the progressive spirit manifested among the members of this church. The budget was doubled and the offering for the Cooperative Program was also increased 100%. The church provided the pastor's expenses to the Convention. A high mark was set in the total offering received the last Sunday in April. This church is one of the EVERY FAMILY churches in The Baptist Record lists.

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CENTERVILLE PROMOTES STREET MEETINGS

Every Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Centerville a large band of fine Christian workers meet together for the purpose of conducting a street meeting on Main street. The workers include: Cpl. John Gallo, leader; Pfc. Fred Wagner, assistant leader; George Runyon, song leader; Miss Mary Amanda Knighton, organist; Pfc. George Pryor, preacher; Sgt. Willie Adams, preacher; S. W. Waggener, preacher. Other workers include: Cpl. Brinkley; Cpl. Raymond Dahlbery, Sgt. Harry Habegger, Cpl. Louise Gentry, Pvt. Mary McDonnald, Pvt. Mary C. Neff, Pvt. Emmitt F. Keller, Pvt. Robert Lippincott, Cpl. Geo. Riminy, Pvt. Russell Guidry, Pvt. Green, Pvt. C. Johnson, Sgt. Harold Youngsman, Mr. Proctor, Eloise Knighton, Virginia Price and others.—Sam Waggoner, pastor.

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TRANSPORT CHAPLAIN SERVES FIRST AND LAST

First Lieut. Luther Fowler has described some of his work as chaplain on transport ships. He tells of being the last to preach to the boys who are going into combat and the first to preach to those being sent home on his ship. On his third trip there were 45 conversions and more than 100 reconsecrations.

Chaplain Fowler had to report to the hospital himself and received splendid ministry from the port chaplain's office, the special service office, the ship's complement, and all who lent their efforts to the success of the voyage. I am also indebted to the following casual chaplains: C. H. Shackleford, USNR; W. K. Thompson, USA; J. W. Pyle, USNR; and in addition, the following who made possible the Jewish and Catholic services: Chaplain Classon, Chaplain Arnof, Sgt. J. M. Snyder, Chaplain J. F. Hayes, Chaplain J. J. Mullory, and Chaplain H. Norman.

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SOUTHERN WHITES PAY TRIBUTE TO NEGRO CLERGYMAN

Columbus, Ga.—(RNS)—A unique tribute was paid to a Negro clergyman when 8,000 Negroes and whites gathered here for the funeral of Dr. R. K. Paschal, widely popular pastor of Friendship Baptist Church. Police reported this was the largest crowd ever gathered for a funeral in the city's history.

Representatives of the city council joined white ministers in tribute broadcast over loud speakers to the acres of people surrounding the small frame church where Pastor Paschal served for 46 years. A cortege two and a half miles long accompanied the remains to a cemetery outside the city.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WEEKLY TO OBSERVE CENTENNIAL

Plainfield, N. J.—(RNS)—An enlarged centennial number of The Sabbath Recorder will be issued here when the Seventh Day Baptists' weekly completes 100 years of publication, June 13. Congratulatory messages from many contemporary editors, and felicitations from national and state officials, will be featured.

The Sabbath Recorder was preceded by a "Missionary Magazine" in 1821, and later "The Sentinel" and "Seventh Day Baptist Register." For its first 53 years, the Recorder was a four-page newspaper, in 1897 it became a magazine of 16 pages, and in 1907 it assumed its present digest size, with 32 pages and a color cover. It now contains 16 pages and the cover is omitted.

Oldest Seventh Day Baptist Church extant is the Millyard church in London, England, established in 1617. The earliest American church of this faith was organized at Newport, R. I., in 1671. Today the group's 66 churches and 6,765 members are scattered through many states and are found in the West Indies, South America, England, Holland, Germany, China and New Zealand.

One of the chief concerns of The Recorder has been to bring before the Christian world the claims of the Sabbath or Seventh Day.

In doctrinal beliefs, Seventh Day Baptists are evangelical and, except for the Sabbath issue, are in harmony with Baptists generally. While they consider other denominations in error regarding some of their beliefs and practices, they have held all Christians as brothers in Christ and have cooperated with them whenever possible.

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AGED MINISTER TRIES TO DO HIS PART

Z. B. Kitchens, for many years pastor in Neshoba county and in other sections of the state, is now located in Mobile, Ala., with his children. His eyesight is almost gone, but he tries faithfully to serve as best his health permits. In a letter he speaks of the goodness of God, and urges people everywhere to pray. He says in part: "So we must suffer with Him if we expect to share the heavenly glory with Him. He left His work for us to carry on until He says, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things . . . enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.' We may have to give up our loved ones in this cruel war. But God gave up His Son. I have a boy in England. It may be that God is using Hitler and others to bring us to our knees. Woe unto the ones who say, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things He says for us to do. Let us set higher standards of living, for God. Let us give more for the preaching of the Word at home and abroad. Give and pray. 'All that I hold in my hand today is what I have given away.' Let us give and pray."

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Tommie Talbert of Jackson has accepted the pastorate of the Hickory Ridge church in Rankin county and is making progress in his new work.

From the churches at Plantersville, Verona and Trinity in Itawamba county, F. V. McFatrige, pastor and member of the State Convention Board, has come word that they will share in the June offering toward paying off the debts in Mississippi.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Rocky Springs (Yazoo) (May 7)	16	
Webb	98	
Clarke-Venable, Decatur		
(May 7)	122	
New Albany	456	113
Jackson, First	918	216
Calvary, Jackson	873	202
Parkway	477	170
Concord (Franklin)	15	15
Brookhaven (May 7)	584	150
Ramah (Franklin)	100	84
Summit First		157
New Fellowship (Jasper)	46	24
Crystal Springs	362	95
West Side Natchez	102	46
Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg	128	63
Unity, Pascagoula	75	
Enon (Panola)	63	40
Center (Union Co.)	73	74
Crowder	115	49
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	22	
Bethlehem (Jones)	53	64
Cross Roads (Webster)	49	45
Louisville	368	54
Marion (Lauderdale)	53	33
Sunflower	72	31

—BR—

Bay St. Louis: The offering for the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day was \$25.00. There were only 32 present at Sunday school.—W. W. Stock-sill.

Native: "Yas suh—that there's a genuwine razorback hawg, suh." Visitor: "Why does he rub against that tree all the time?" Native: "Jes' strop-pin' hisself, suh; jes' strop-pin' hisself."—Ex.

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—Invasion Day will be observed in Atlanta churches with special evening services and all-day prayer offerings. The war-time service committee of the Christian Council has submitted the suggestion that the members and friends of local churches gather in their houses of worship on the evening of Invasion Day for a quiet service of prayer and rededication to God, and that all of the churches throw open their doors for individual prayers on Invasion Day and the day following.

James E. Drane is now pastor of Concord and McCall Creek churches in Adams-Franklin Association.

Though cut off entirely from the home base, the mission work of the Baptists of Denmark in Africa has been greatly blessed since the war began. This work is in the Urudi area of the Congo near Lake Tanganyika. Three new stations have been opened and a mission hospital erected. This field has been sustained by the orphaned missions fund of the International Missionary Council and by gifts from the Danish-speaking Baptists of America.

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"TERM PASTORATES" TO BE PROPOSED AT CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—Addition to the "Book of Church Order" of a clause covering "term pastorates" will be proposed at the 84th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States at Montreat, N. C., May 25-30, according to Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby, chairman of the permanent committee of the minister and his work.

It would provide that "any congregation, by majority vote, may agree to accept pastors appointed by the commission on the minister and his work of their presbytery with the approval of the presbytery, for a limited term of not more than five years, and for as many similar terms thereafter as desired by the congregation."